



## INTERNATIONAL

# Drug kingpins want martial law: Nusrat

ISLAMABAD, Aug 8. (Reuters): Nusrat Bhutto, mother of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and a senior cabinet minister, said today Pakistan's drug kingpins wanted to topple her daughter's civilian government and reimpose martial law.

The Prime Minister today cancelled a speech at an engineers' convention in Islamabad to convene an important meeting concerning the security of our country and democracy, Nusrat Bhutto told reporters.

No details of the meeting were immediately available and it was not clear if it was related to the narcotics issue.

Nusrat Bhutto also said her daughter would cancel planned trips to six South Asian countries this year for "unavoidable reasons." President Ghulam Ishaq Khan would go instead.

Appointed Bhutto's deputy in March with the

title of "senior minister," Nusrat Bhutto said the drug "mafia" was spending large sums of money to create unrest in Pakistan.

"They want turmoil in the southern province of Sind and the rest of the country so that the Army could come back and they could use the back door to enter corridors of power," she said. But she vowed the Army was "not going to come in."

Bhutto's eight-month-old civilian government

has launched a drive against "the big fish" drug traffickers and has arrested several people in connection with international drug rackets.

Benazir Bhutto became the first woman Prime Minister of a Muslim nation last December after her Pakistan People's Party won party-based elections and ended 11 years of military rule.

She is the current chairwoman of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC).

# Colombo offers new time limit

India plans a phased withdrawal

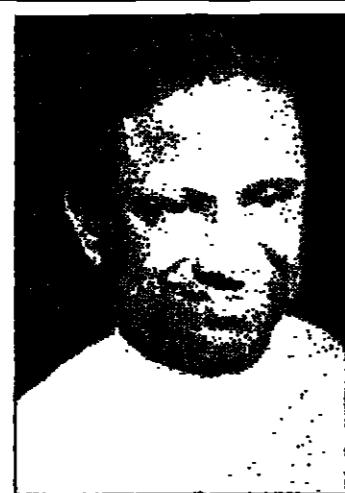
COLOMBO, Aug 8. (Agencies): The government said today it wanted India to withdraw its peacekeeping troops from Sri Lanka by September, a new time range offered by Colombo during talks last week in New Delhi.

But Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said India offered a phased withdrawal plan that will extend the pullout process to February.

"The Indian position on withdrawal, on the basis of three shiploads per week of 1,300 to 1,600 personnel, including a three week preparatory period, will take 28 to 30 weeks and will end in February 1990," Wijeratne, who is also the deputy defence minister, told Parliament.

Wijeratne led a six-member delegation to New Delhi on July 29 to discuss a framework for the possible withdrawal of an estimated 43,000 Indian troops now in the Indian Ocean republic.

India has already withdrawn 2,200 troops in phases since July 29, the date set by President Ranasinghe Premadasa for the



Premadasa

not meet their aspirations for a homeland.

Wijeratne today briefed Parliament on the week-long talks he had with Indian leaders in New Delhi.

On Indian troops halting military operations in the North and East, Wijeratne said the Indians wanted the Tamil Tigers to first unilaterally suspend military offensives for a 15-day period.

But he said the Sri Lankan position on cessation of Indian military operations was that it be "immediate and unqualified."

India has linked the troop withdrawal with the devolution of powers to the Northeastern Council, formed under the July 29, 1987 peace accord, which gave Tamils limited autonomy in exchange for an arms surrender.

"Our position is the implementation of the

agreement was not connected with the Indian troop withdrawal," Wijeratne said.

Wijeratne's statement will be debated in Parliament and Premadasa is expected to chair a meeting of his cabinet on Friday to announce Sri Lankan position on the issues. There will be no voting.

Sinhalese extremists claiming Indian troops have compromised the country's independence, have launched a violent campaign against the government. At least 4,000 people, mainly government officials and supporters, have been killed in the two-year uprising. The Tamil insurgency has claimed another 11,000 lives.

Tamils form 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people, and Sinhalese make up 75 per cent. Tamils accuse the Sinhalese of discriminating against them in jobs, education and use of the Sinhalese language.

■ The US State Department today expanded its notice to US travellers in Sri Lanka to include the entire country, warning that there is widespread potential for violence.

The State Department expanded upon an earlier travel advisory that warned of violence in portions of the country.

"It's gotten more widespread. There's no area of the country we would indicate people should go without taking appropriate precautions," a department spokesman said.

The travel advisory urged Americans travelling in Sri Lanka to register with the US embassy in Colombo upon arriving in the nation.



A chartered plane carrying Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas to an Ethiopian refugee camp was missing yesterday. Leland (left) is pictured during a visit to such a camp in 1984. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 2,016 of them in Pakistan

### Billionaires galore

ISLAMABAD, Aug 8, (KUNA): There are 2,016 billionaires in Pakistan, according to latest officially prepared figures.

Of them 1,337 became billionaires in the nine-year period 1979-1988, said a survey recently conducted by the State Bank of Pakistan, the nation's apex bank.

There were only 419 billionaires in Pakistan in 1979, the survey said, basing its finding on bank accounts ranging from Rs 100 million and 1,000 million apiece.

The definition of billionaire only covers accounts of Rs 100 million-1,000 million held in recognised Pakistani banks and excludes accounts in foreign banks and immovable assets.

It attributed the phenomenon to corruption which stemmed from despotism of late Zia. When democratic process is suspended and there is authoritarian rule corruption becomes a way of life, it said.

### 2 injured in bon.b blast

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Aug 8, (AP): Two people were injured today in the second bomb explosion to jolt this frontier city in as many days.

The early morning bomb was planted in a local hotel, police said.

On Sunday, four people were killed and another 31 wounded when a powerful bomb ripped through a vegetable market in Peshawar's old city.

No group has claimed responsibility for either bombing. But police have blamed previous terrorist bombings in Pakistan on agents of neighbouring Afghanistan's ruling Communist Party.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Officers killed:** A man caught riding a tramway without a ticket Tuesday stabbed to death two policemen and seriously injured three others before he was shot dead, police said.

A police spokesman identified the man only as "a black African."

The spokesman said the man was caught trilling without a ticket on a tramway Tuesday morning and punched the tramway inspector before running away.

A few hours later police found the man standing on a bridge, reading a newspaper.

The spokesman said the man pulled out a 35-centimetre-long knife as five police officers tried to arrest him.

He said the man reportedly stabbed the policemen, two of whom died of their injuries. One of the two policemen managed to pull out his revolver and shot the man shortly before the policeman collapsed.

The spokesman said the three other policemen were in critical condition. (UPI)

**Blast kills 18:** A Soviet worker who lit a match in a basement where he was investigating a gas leak ignited an explosion that killed 18 people in the Soviet Ukraine, Pravda reported Tuesday.

The explosion Monday ripped through a five-story apartment house in the Ukrainian city of Mogilev-Podolsky, bringing down part of the building and destroying 20 apartments, the Communist Party daily said.

Gas had accumulated from a leak in the building's basement, Pravda said.

Two maintenance workers were dispatched to investigate, one identified as V. Marushchak, "lit a match, and the explosion followed," Marushchak was killed, but his companion survived, along with five other tenants, Pravda said. (AP)

**Heist probed:** A French state prosecutor opened an investigation Monday on the theft of \$1.5 million worth of jewels and cash from the villa of millionaire French businessman Robert Mirman while he was entertaining a dozen guests at the luxury vacation home.

Prosecutors at the Draguignan Prosecutor's Office said they were baffled by the heist that took place Friday night at the sprawling "Le Lizard" property near to the fizzy resort of Saint-Tropez.

Mirman told police he and a dozen guests he was entertaining heard nothing during the burglary that entered the thief or thieves 10 million francs (\$1.5 million) in cash and jewellery from the villa. The Draguignan prosecutor opened the probe of the case formally Monday. (UPI)

**Guitarist charged:** Adam Clayton of the Irish rock group U2 has been charged with possession of marijuana.

The 29-year-old bass guitarist, dressed all in black, appeared briefly in Dublin's District Court on Monday but under Irish law was not required to enter a plea.

Clayton was arrested near his Dublin home Sunday night and charged with possessing marijuana and with having the drug with the intent to supply someone else, police told the court.

Judge Desmond Windle ordered Clayton to post bail of approximately \$710 and to return to court on Sept. 1.

If convicted of possession of marijuana, Clayton faces a maximum of approximately \$1,420. (AP)

**Dean hits:** Hurricane Dean picked up speed late Monday and headed north toward eastern Canada, a day after sideswiping Bermuda with 113-mph (181-kph) winds, torrential rains and pounding seas.

A hurricane warning was issued for Sable Island, Nova Scotia and a high-wind warning for St. John's and the Avalon Peninsula. Tropical storm warnings were issued for the coastal areas of southern and eastern Newfoundland, said Gilbert Clark of the National Hurricane Centre in Coral Gables.

Bermuda's southern and western shores were hardest hit Sunday when Dean's eye passed 20 miles west of the 21-square-mile (55-sq km) island, damaging buildings and washing away beaches. There were no reported serious injuries. (UPI)

**Save me!** Liberia's former defence minister, accused of ordering a black magic murder to topple President Samuel Doe, appealed to the leader on Monday to save him from a firing squad.

Major-General Gray Allison told a court martial in the capital Monrovia: "I ask President Doe to save our lives, my wife and I. The people have lied to us on him."

Allison, once the second most powerful figure in this West African state, is charged with ordering the gruesome ritual murder of a policeman to get human blood for a witchcraft rite that would help him overthrow Doe.

His wife, Angeline Watts Allison, and nine others are charged as accomplices. They will be tried later in a civilian court. (Reuters)

**Dutchman indicted:** Authorities indicted a Dutchman Monday on charges of accidentally killing a sunbathing Frenchwoman while driving his speedboat at high velocity along the Cote d'Azur.

Nikolas Sandeman, 43, a real estate manager from Amsterdam, was arrested Sunday after his 600-horsepower boat ploughed into a 16-ft (5-m) boat, fatally wounding Arlette Fonta, also 43, who was one of four passengers sunbathing on the small craft off the coast of Saint-Tropez.

Judge Jean-Jacques Baudino charged Sandeman with manslaughter of Fonta, a native of Marseille. The judge ordered an autopsy carried out on Fonta, who died from her injuries an hour after the incident. (UPI)

**Swimmers a danger:** At the height of the channel swimming season, Coast Guards say swimmers are a danger in the sea and ships should sail when rather than change course if this means risking collision with other vessels.

"If avoiding a swimmer hinders the ship, crew, passengers and cargo... there is only one thing a captain can do and that's go over him," the senior Coast Guard watch officer at Dover, Peter Legg, was quoted as saying in an interview in The Times of London.

"We devote ourselves to saving lives so it is difficult for us to say this. But while we might lose one life we could save many more," Legg was further quoted Tuesday. "Frankly, we don't want them (channel swimmers)." (AP)

**Body awaits release:** Police in Gibraltar said Monday they expected to soon release the body of a US vacationer who died while being rushed to this British colony after a diving accident last week off the northern coast of Morocco.

A US Navy officer attached to NATO in Gibraltar confirmed the death. He identified the victim only as a 38-year-old Philadelphia native who had been vacationing with a diving club from the Washington DC area.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a second man injured in the accident, Robert Fullerton of Maryland, was released Friday from the colony's Royal Naval Hospital after being treated for decompression sickness. (AP)

**Funding approved:** A Utah panel on Monday released \$4.5 million for research on room-temperature fusion at the University of Utah, with the committee's only scientists withholding approval.

The university will use the money to set up an institute to conduct research into cold fusion and seek practical applications for the phenomenon, whose very existence has been called into question by many scientists.

The Fusion Energy Advisory Council held the purse strings to \$5 million appropriated the state legislature in April for fusion research. About \$500,000 of the money had previously been released for patent attorney's fees.

**Search resumes:** Italian rescuers on Tuesday resumed their search for 14 Tunisian fishermen missing off the coast of Sicily, part officials said.

The search for the fishing boat Raschid was called off earlier on Tuesday after officials said they had lost hope of finding the crew alive. It was resumed and intensified in response to a Tunisian appeal.

The Raschid sent a distress call down on Monday saying it had taken water in heavy seas off the Italian island of Lampedusa south of Sicily and the crew were about to abandon ship. (Reuters)

'I woke up and I was moving'

## Earthquake shakes Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 8, (AP): A sharp earthquake jolted the San Francisco Bay area for 10 seconds early today, shaking buildings, breaking windows and rattling objects off shelves.

There were no immediate reports of serious damage or injury.

The quake occurred at 1:13 am (0815 GMT) and had a magnitude of 5.1 on the Richter Scale, according to the US geological Survey in nearby Menlo Park.

An aftershock measuring 4.2 rippled through the area 31 minutes later.

The quake was centred on the San Andreas Fault about 13 miles (21 kilometres) south of San Jose. It was felt throughout a wide area, as far away as Santa Cruz, 75 miles (120 kilometres) south of San Francisco.

The epicentre was in almost exactly the same place as a

5.0 magnitude quake on June 27, 1983, said USGS geophysicist Dave Oppenheimer.

"There was some damage in the Santa Cruz mountains... it was mainly broken windows and mirrors. Nothing serious," said officer Jay Forbes of the San Jose police department.

Residents shaken awake by the temblor described it as jolting and rolling.

"It felt like I was having my bed rolled around on a skateboard. I woke up and I was moving," said Henry Peterson of Santa Clara, next to San Jose.

"It was the strongest I've felt," said Bernie Beck, 35, who lives in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district.

"I live in an old building that was built after the 1906 quake, and it really had me going," Beck said. "It felt like you were sitting on a saw horse, rocking back and forth."

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# False financial prophets exposed

**WASHINGTON**, Aug 8. (Agencies): "Boris again" con artists, using religion as a key part of their investment pitch, have bilked more than 15,000 Americans out of more than \$450 million in the past five years, a new study said yesterday.

The study, "Preying on the Faithful: the False Prophets of the Investment World," was done by the North American Securities Administrators Association and the Council of Better Business Bureaus.

John Baldwin, president of the Securities Administrators Association, said it "now appears that religiously oriented swindlers are one of today's hottest tickets for investment con artists."

The study found a "sharp increase in the ranks of the 'false prophets' of investment" in recent years.

Baldwin said no single religious group appears to be particularly vulnerable to the swindlers exploiting faith to coerce investments in their scheme.

Sharpies who masqueraded as Amish folk bilked 30 Amish families in southeastern Indiana of about \$50,000, Secretary of State Joseph Hogsett said yesterday.

Hogsett said he had issued a cease-and-desist order forbidding Pioneer Development Investment Co. from doing any further business in Indiana. The scam involved persuading the Amish that a \$500 investment would gain them an unsecured \$100,000 line of credit in a British West Indies bank, Hogsett said. He said Pioneer is based in the British West Indies, with an office in Houston, Texas.

Hogsett said he has reason to believe Pioneer agents may have operated also in other Indiana communities, but he knew for sure about their doings in Ripley and Switzerland counties, where there are settlements of Amish, a conservative Christian sect who live a mainly pre-technology life.

Pioneer agents dressed in the plain clothing and had beards that made them appear to be fellow Amish, he said.

"It's almost become a regular scam throughout the country," Hogsett said. "Someone moves into a religiously oriented community claiming to be a believer and becomes one of the community's own, which heightens trust and confidence in the person and diminishes the amount of scrutiny of investment opportunities."

Baldwin and James McIlhenney of the Better Business Bureau pointed to the current investigations of Washington Communications lawyer Thomas Root, whose plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean July 13 under mysterious circumstances, as "just the tip of the iceberg" of the growing number of schemes relying on religious overtones to attract investors.

Root represented primarily fundamentalist Christian investors who placed an estimated \$16 million in religious radio station licence syndicates organised by Sunrise Management Inc. of Columbus, Georgia.

Root, who, according to the report, received some \$1.6 million from the scheme,



Mary Sue Davis arrives at Blount County Courthouse on Monday accompanied by her attorney Jay Christenberry. (Reuter wirephoto)



Junior L. Davis (right) arrives at Blount County Courthouse on Monday accompanied by a bodyguard. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Who has the right?

## Embryo custody trial begins

**MARYVILLE**, Tennessee, Aug 8. (Agencies): An estranged couple's battle over the fate of seven fertilised human eggs went to trial yesterday in an unprecedented divorce case attorneys are calling the first of its kind in the United States.

The attorney for Mary Sue Davis, 28, of Maryville, Tennessee, contended the embryos are "pre-born children" with rights of their own. Her husband of 10 years, Junior Lewis Davis, filed for divorce in February.

"The question of how we classify these embryos is vital," Jay Christenberry said in his opening statement at the divorce trial. "While the couple's rights are important, there are other rights we must consider."

Davis is seeking to block Mrs Davis from attempting to become pregnant with any of the eggs fertilised when the couple took part in an in-vitro fertilisation programme six years ago in an unsuccessful effort to have a child. Davis says that now that they are divorcing, he does not want to have a child with her.

The position of Junior Lewis Davis is that no disposition of the pre-embryos should be made until he and Mary Davis agree that their rights in this very unique material are joint and equal," said Charles Clifford, Davis' attorney.

Davis won a temporary court order against his wife's use of the eggs after filing for divorce. He told reporters he does not want his child to suffer the pain of a broken home.

"I came from a broken home," Davis said before the trial began. "I grew up in a children's home. I see the problems these things cause. I definitely do not want a child of mine to go through this."

Experts say cases like the Davises' will proliferate in years to come because of the 4,000 embryos now held in cold storage across the country.

Before the trial opened, Judge W. Dale Young said he was "troubled by the fact that I don't have any guidance to help me ferret out the right decision in this case."

"But that I come along, and I'm comfortable that it'll be done in a professional manner," he told the US television network CBS.

In his opening statement, Christenberry said that a central question in the case, "is where life begins." He said the frozen eggs "should be labelled pre-born children."

"Mary Sue Davis wants to bear a child using these seven pre-embryos but she has been restrained from doing so by her husband," Christenberry said.

"The free world needs this issue addressed, and this court has the unique opportunity to address this law for not only the state but possibly the nation. We will ask that the injunction be dissolved and that Mary Sue Davis be given her rights to bear children. We see this case as appropriately defining what embryos are, and that is pre-born children."

Shortly after the divorce case was filed, Mrs Davis said that the eggs are the result of years of surgery, tests and injections and are her best chance at having a child.

She also said she would consider raising the child by herself and not asking for child support.

Mrs Davis says she had five tubal pregnancies after the couple were married in 1979, one resulting in a ruptured fallopian tube. Surgery was done to tie the other tube before the Davises entered the test-tube baby programme administered by Dr I. Ray King.

There originally were nine fertilised eggs. Two were unsuccessfully implanted before the couple's marriage broke down.

"Mary has been through a lot," Junior Davis said. "No one knows that more than I do. But I have just much right to decide their future as she does."

Christenberry contended that Mrs Sue Davis should be allowed to use the embryos on the grounds of "natural law."

"If we allow a man to change his mind in midstream, we'd be changing the natural law of history that has existed since genesis," he said. When a man consents and fertilises, whether it's IVF or in the womb, he's given his consent, permission and only gift, and he shouldn't take it back. It should be up to the mother."

King is recommending the other egg remain in his control, later to be donated anonymously to an infertile couple.

The Davises did not sign a contract saying what should be done with the embryos in the event of divorce or the death of one or both partners. King says that was an oversight but that such an agreement probably could be contested in court anyway.

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# Hinckley backs tough gun laws

**WASHINGTON**, Aug 8. (AP): John W. Hinckley, saying a gun-purchase waiting period could keep him from shooting former US President Ronald Reagan in March 1981, has become a gun control advocate.

Hinckley also has asked permission to be interviewed by the news media.

At the time he shot Reagan, "I was responding to a paradoxical rage induced by the constant use of valium," Hinckley, now a patient at a mental hospital, said in court papers seeking an order allowing news media interviews.

He said that if a waiting period for buying weapons had been required, "I believe I would not have gone forward with the effort to shoot the president."

The fact that ... no action was taken by the United States secret service raises serious questions," said Hinckley.

Hinckley described himself as a "victim" of prescribed drugs who secured weapons "far too easily" and penetrated presidential security "without any difficulty."

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programme on the US television network ABC.

Hinckley also asked for permission to be interviewed "on rare occasions by other responsible members of the news media ... including the Washington Post."

"I believe that my rehabilitation and my full recovery can only be aided by my ability to communicate to the people of the United States," said Hinckley.

Hinckley said that on two occasions he had been arrested while in possession of weapons in the same city where then-president Jimmy Carter was appearing.

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**SEYMOUR**, Wisconsin: The residents of Seymour made a weekend bid to claim a record for the world's biggest hamburger — more than 2 tonnes of it.

Residents of the small city near Green Bay plopped 5,300 pounds (2,404 kg) of hamburger onto a grill Saturday, looking to beat the world record 5,005-pound (2,270 kg) burger made in Cape Town, South Africa.

There was enough of the sprawling 4-inch-thick (10 cm) patty to provide each of the thousands of people attending Seymour's hamburger Olympics festival with seven quarter-pound (113 g) hamburgers. (UPI)

**PITTSBURGH**: A Pittsburgh American Legion Post has stopped flying the American flag because someone keeps stealing it.

Three 5-by-8-foot (1.5 by 2.4 m) US flags have been stolen in the last year from American Legion Post 577.

Police said they have no suspects. (UPI).

**SWAINSBORO**, Georgia: Just about everybody in the tiny southeast Georgia town of Swainsboro knows Dr Henry Wilder Smith Sr. He's the physician who has delivered 5,100 babies and at age 74 shudders at the thought of retiring.

"I'm not anywhere near retiring," said Smith. "I enjoy people. I'd be miserable if I retired."

The town of Swainsboro, a tiny industry and farming community of 8,000 might be miserable too, if doc Smith retired. Despite his age, he sees an average of 45-50 patients every day at his clinic.

The town, he says, needs more doctors and is actively trying to recruit them. (UPI)

**PLYMOUTH**, Mass.: The largest solid granite statue in the country — honoring the Pilgrim's arrival in North America — turned 100 years old this weekend and its birthday was celebrated with the swearing-in of new US citizens.

The national monument to the forefathers in Plymouth is an 81-foot-tall (24.6 m) statue overlooking the harbour in southern Massachusetts where the Mayflower landed in 1620.

The statue, depicting a woman — "faith" — standing with a foot on Plymouth rock, was completed in 1889 and dedicated to the pilgrims, said Hugo Thoreau of the historical pilgrim society. It turned 100 years old on Saturday. (UPI)

**DETROIT**: Clifford Bashlor has been freed from jail, apparently harbouring no hard feelings after being locked up more than a year due to a breakdown in communications.

Bashlor, 54, was arrested Aug 5, 1988, on misdemeanor warrants for trespass and assault — charges that carry a maximum term of 90 days. He was arraigned and taken to the Wayne County jail.

But due to a mixup, Bashlor was not returned to court for a pre-trial conference. The judge, assuming the defendant had jumped bond, issued a warrant for his arrest.

And then masters stood. With no further hearings scheduled, the jail had no order to take Bashlor from his cell and no attorney was appointed to represent him. (UPI)

**INCLEWOOD**, Calif.: Movie maker Spike Lee and talk show host Arsenio Hall have had a running feud recently and Lee won the latest round on the basketball court. Lee, who accused Hall's buddy Eddie Murphy of not doing enough to help black actors, coached a team of NBA all-stars including Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan to a 189-176 victory over Hall's team, which featured Dominique Wilkins and Isiah Thomas.

The Sunday night game in Inglewood, Calif., was a fund-raiser for the United Negro College Fund. (UPI)

### The living dead

## Corpse alive

**SPRINGFIELD**, Ohio, Aug 8. (AP): An 87-year-old patient at a boarding home was mistaken for dead and turned over to a funeral home, where she started a mortician preparing to embalm her.

Carrie Stringfellow was listed in fair condition last night at Mercy Medical Centre, said spokeswoman Vicki Forrest.

Dennis L. Porter, director of the Dennis L. Porter funeral home, said he was called to a nearby boarding home on Saturday evening to pick up a body.

When he returned, Porter said, he started to take the woman off the "death cot" and move her onto the embalming table when "she made a noise — uttered something."

The mortician said he then discovered that the woman's eyes were fluttering and she had a faint pulse. He called an emergency squad, which took the woman to the hospital.

**JUPITER**, Florida: A decade after it opened, the final curtain came down on actor Bert Reynolds Jupiter Theatre with a gala performance and party.

Reynolds had said he built the dinner theater because he wanted to give something back to the community where he was raised. It survived for 10 1/2 years, 116 shows and more than 4,000 performances. Now the actor is giving it to a community college.

Tickets for closing night of *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way To the Forum* sold for \$100. The money goes to benefit the institute for theatre training, an acting school affiliated with the theatre. (AP)

**BOSTON**: Chinese student leader Wu'er Kaixi spent part of the weekend at the Kennedy family compound on Cape Cod, but didn't make it to a scheduled breakfast meeting with Mayor Raymond Flynn.

Wu'er, 21, played a key role in the student protests last spring in Beijing and escaped China just prior to the June military crackdown at Tiananmen Square. He reportedly may enroll at Harvard University this fall.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy invited Wu'er and another Chinese student to the family's Hyannis port home for a clambake and a little sailing. (AP)

**ST. PAUL**, Minnesota: The trans-Antarctic expedition led by Minnesota Will Steger is making good progress in its first week despite high winds.

So far it's been fast going," said Steger, who in 1986 led a dog-sled trek to the North Pole. "We have very hard surfaces and the weather has been blowing."

Speaking by radio with base managers in southern Chile and on King George Island, Steger reported that his St. Paul-based international trans-Antarctic expedition cruised 16 miles (25 kilometres) over the glossy hard-pack of the Larsen Ice Shelf, increasing the total distance covered to more than 90 miles (145 kilometres) in the first week. (AP)

**BOSTON**: Rock 'n' roll star Rod Stewart headlined a benefit for the American Cancer Society in honour of Canadian Terry Fox, an amputee who died after trying to run across Canada to raise awareness for cancer.

Betty Fox flew from Vancouver to attend the event and said it was a continuation of her son's wish to help stop cancer victims' suffering. (AP)

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# Gag order placed on critic of project

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8. (AP): A US judge has placed a gag order on a retired US Army counter-intelligence officer barring him from publicly discussing his allegations of waste, fraud and abuse in a secret US programme concerning government after a nuclear attack.

US District Court Judge Norma H. Johnson issued the order orally against Fred Westerman and his lawyer, Frank Mroz, last Tuesday, the day after the magazine US News and World Report published a story about the project, government sources said yesterday.

A US Senate committee investigator, following up on the article with an attempt

to interview Westerman, was told the judge's order extended to conversations with Congress, said the sources.

However, Army spokesman Lt. Col. John Chapla said of the allegations of irregularities in the secret programme, "The appropriate authorities within the Congress and the executive branch review these efforts regularly."

The programme known as COG, for continuity of government, concerns plans for enabling the government to regroup in the event of a nuclear attack. The project includes mobile communications systems and command-post bunkers around the country, according to the magazine.

US News reported that the Defence Department, the US Justice Department, the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee and a US grand jury are looking into aspects of COG. The investigations reportedly focus on allegations that contracts were awarded improperly or that payments were made for work not properly done, resulting in millions of dollars in costs that may not be justified.

Westerman, whose small firm provided some security services to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in connection with COG, complained to the Army of what he said were irregularities in

the programme starting in March 1987. On Christmas Eve 1987, after Westerman continued to make such allegations to superiors, the Army told him that his contract was not being renewed, despite earlier assurances that it would be, according to papers he filed in the US court of claims. He says he is still owed half a million dollars in unreimbursed costs.

Westerman, a retired major who spent 20 years as an Army counter-intelligence officer, subsequently took his allegations to the FBI, the Justice Department and the Inspector General's Office at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

# Plea to shun South Africa

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug. 8. (AP): Prime Minister Bob Hawke pleaded with Commonwealth foreign ministers today to maintain economic sanctions against South Africa, saying the international campaign was proving effective.

"The message is getting through," Hawke said, adding he hoped the international financial community would maintain the pressure which had "proved such a powerful force for change."

"In late August of 1985, South Africa came under such intense pressure from its creditors that it defaulted on a portion of its international debt and as a result ... became an unacceptable risk," Hawke told the ministers.

Hawke spoke on the second day of the fourth meeting of the Commonwealth committee of foreign ministers on Southern Africa, representing Australia, Canada, Guyana, India, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

He was launching a book entitled "Apartheid and International Finance," by former Australian government official Tony Cole and Australian writer Keith Ovenden. The book argues that a credit squeeze should be maintained on South Africa to end its system of racial separation, called apartheid.

Hawke credited the Commonwealth with taking the lead against apartheid by regulating trade and drafting codes of conduct for businesses to ensure South Africa remained at the margin of the international community.

"Recent signs that the South African government may be willing to negotiate are encouraging, but as yet they have delivered nothing," Hawke said. "Certainly there are no indications that apartheid will be abolished."

In Pretoria, South Africa's Foreign Minister P. Botha today released the text of a letter he sent to his Canadian counterpart, Joe Clark, urging the Commonwealth ministers to reconsider their pro-sanctions stance.

Botha said recent "authoritative and independent surveys" indicate that a majority of South African blacks reject sanctions. He also said South Africa had proved its commitment to peace in southern Africa by agreeing to grant independence to Namibia and encouraging talks between warring factions in Angola and Mozambique.

"This is not the time for recriminations and mindless vendettas," Botha said. "To brand South Africa as the villain does not serve the interests of the peoples of southern Africa."

However, a report presented to the Commonwealth meeting urged continued sanctions on South Africa, charging it with economic pressures, direct attacks, sabotage and car bombs, assassinations and kidnappings in neighbouring countries.

The report by the Zimbabwe-based African Research and Documentation Centre (ARDC), by David Martin and Phyllis Johnson, alleged torture of Mozambiquans by South African-backed Renamo rebels and maintained of an estimated 40,000 Angolans by South African-laid mines.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other anti-apartheid leaders demonstrated today in support of a national defiance campaign, and police reported widespread student unrest in townships near Cape Town.



Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega (left) says the new Central American peace plan will put an end to the US-backed Contras. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Cent Am inks peace plan

# Over for Contras

TELIA, Honduras, Aug. 8. (AP): Five Central American presidents have signed a plan to disband the US-backed Nicaraguan rebels by December, and President Daniel Ortega called on Washington to respect the Contras' "death sentence."

"In this way the United States can contribute to peace in Nicaragua and Central America," the Nicaraguan leader said last night upon returning to Managua from a three-day summit at this Honduran beach resort.

The plan, laid out in a set of three accords signed yesterday, set a 30-day deadline for a combined UN-Organisation of American States observer mission to organise itself and another 90 days for the Contras to demobilise.

About 11,000 Contras and their 12,000 dependents living in Honduras along the Nicaraguan border are to be resettled in Nicaragua if not Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica volunteered to take some in, though most would prefer to go to the United States.

Ortega accused the United States of trying to block the accord, but US officials and officials of other Central American nations denied the charge.

Contra spokesman Bosco Matamoros blamed the outcome on "political confusion in Washington."

"This is a disaster for the State Department because it tried to impose its policy too late," said

## Highlights of accords

TELIA, Honduras, Aug. 8. (AP): These are the major points in the peace accords signed yesterday by the presidents of Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua:

- The Nicaraguan Contra rebels are to begin demobilising within 30 days. Resettlement of the Contras and their dependents is to be completed within another 90 days.
- Honduras will no longer allow its territory to be used by rebel forces fighting another government.
- Nicaragua will drop its case in the World Court against Honduras protesting the presence of Contra forces in Honduras.
- The United Nations will be asked to provide mechanisms to verify the demobilisation and end of hostilities.
- Leftist rebels in El Salvador are asked to give up their fight and "initiate a dialogue" with the Salvadoran government.
- The five nations will co-operate in the fight against drug trafficking and use.
- The five presidents agreed to meet again in Nicaragua before the end of the year.

Matamoros in an interview with Costa Rica's Radio Impacto.

Last-minute US pressure "had a counterproductive effect," he added.

US President George Bush's government had been lobbying to keep the Contras active until February's scheduled elections in Nicaragua as a guarantee of the "democratisation" that Ortega's leftist government had promised.

In Mexico City, where he met with Mexican officials, US Secretary of State James A. Baker III said he could not comment because he had not seen a text of the pact.

Baker noted that the Esquipulas Agreement, a Central American accord signed two years ago, says any Contra demobilisation must be carried out under conditions of safety

and democracy in Nicaragua and must be voluntary.

"I don't think the Central American democracies would do anything to change the terms of the agreement that they have put forth," Baker said.

If the full 120 days from yesterday are used, Dec 5 would be the deadline for the new plan. The accords do not mention the consequences of any delay, but deadlines in previous Central American agreements have often been observed more in the breach.

The Central American nations must "find enough will to go along with the accords" if they are to stick, said Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, who won a Nobel Peace Prize for initiating the regional peace process more than two years ago.

## Trading of charges

# Peace eludes Angola

LISBON, Aug. 8. (AP): Angola yesterday accused UNITA rebels of stepping up military action in an alleged attempt to sabotage the truce in Angola's 14-year civil war, the Angolan state news agency reported.

The ANGOP reported from Luanda, the Angolan capital, that a Defence Ministry statement said rebel leader Jonas Savimbi has ordered a "general military offensive" across five Angolan provinces in defiance of a June 24 ceasefire.

Both sides repeatedly have traded accusations of truce violations since they agreed during an African summit meeting in Gabodolite, Zaire, June 22 to stop fighting and start reconciliation talks. However, initial talks have broken down twice.

Negotiations had been

backed UNITA — the National Union for Total Independence of Angola — of endangering the peace process by refusing to honour the truce agreed to by Savimbi and Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos in Gabodolite.

"The Gabodolite accords are in danger," ANGOP quoted van Dunem as saying. "(UNITA) doesn't accept the accords launched in Gabodolite and on the contrary has resolved to launch a military campaign to take power by force."

UNITA's Lisbon representative, Alcides Sakala, dismissed van Dunem's statement.

Sakala said UNITA remains loyal to Gabodolite, and accused the Angolan government of attempting to confuse international opinion with false stories.

all issues under discussion to be resolved during the meeting.

Calling for more US investment and greater access to Mexican products in the United States, Solana said, "We do not want gifts or charity. We want to increase productivity, to be more competitive and have access for our products on equal footing to the most important market in the world and that is the United States."

The US-Mexico Binational Commission was created by former Presidents Ronald Reagan and Jose Lopez Portillo when that Mexican leader visited Washington in June 1981. It has met every year except 1986 and 1988.

The current meetings is taking place at a time when cordial relations between the two neighbours, which share a 1,933-mile (3,110-km) border.

# US-Mexico Binational Commission begins meeting

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 8. (UPI): The United States and Mexico opened their seventh annual high-level meeting yesterday to discuss drug trafficking, immigration issues, trade and investment and cross-border pollution.

The one-day meeting of the US-Mexico Binational Commission, bringing together high-level officials from both sides, convened with both US Secretary of State James Baker and Foreign Minister Fernando Solana reaffirming

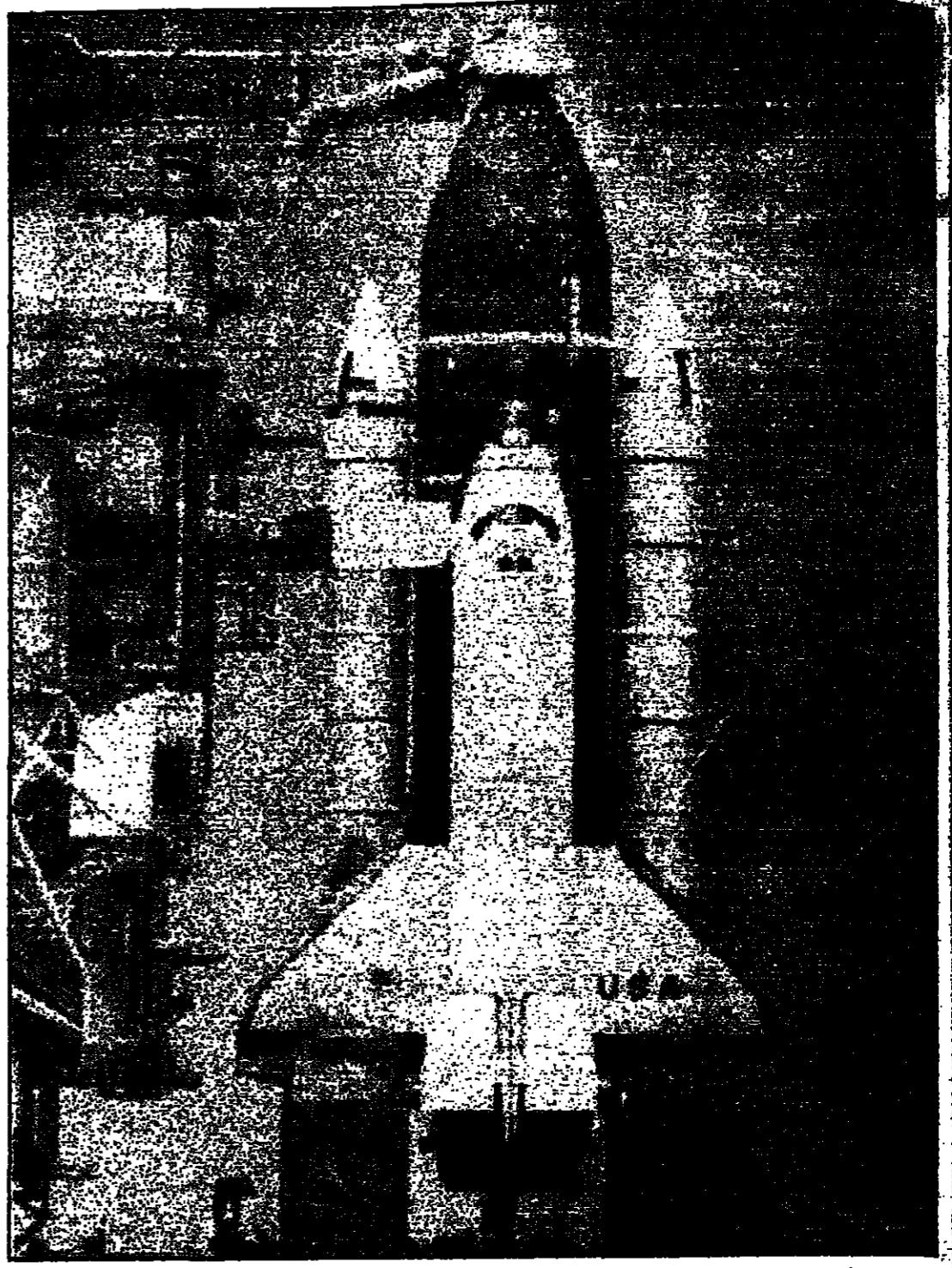
the importance of the relationship.

Baker said Washington is ready to accelerate trade and investment talks with Mexico, the United States' third largest trading partner after Canada and Japan, with an annual two-way trade of \$44 billion last year.

Solana praised US-Mexican relations as having reached a "high-level of maturity and cordiality," but also cautioned against expecting

the compromise worked out earlier this year between the White House and congressional leaders on proceeding with two nuclear missiles — the multiple-warhead MX and Midgetman.

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Workers stand on the launch pad (lower right) as the space shuttle Columbia, after the rotating service structure, was rolled back exposing the orbiter on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Columbia blasts off with military cargo

# Mission top secret

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug. 8. (Agencies): The rebuilt space shuttle Columbia blasted off today on a secret military mission that aerospace industry sources said would deploy a sophisticated satellite to spy on the Soviet Union.

The agreement was signed Thursday by US State Department legal adviser Abraham Sofaer and his counterpart in the Soviet Foreign Ministry, Yuri M. Rybakov.

Under its provisions, Washington and Moscow eventually could submit other treaties to arbitration, although disputes involving national security or the use of force are exempt.

That would avoid cases like Nicaragua's 1986 dispute with Washington, in which the Sandinista government contended the United States was illegally mining its harbors and supporting the Contra rebels. The US government refused to honour a World Court ruling that sided with the Sandinistas.

A US legal adviser said there were no current cases involving hijacking, terrorism or drug trafficking to test the new US-Soviet agreement, but noted such cases have arisen before.

Aircraft hijackers from Eastern Europe have landed in Berlin's western sector in the past, and such cases could come under the new agreement, he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Several years ago, a hijacker who landed in West Berlin was tried by a US judge and received a light sentence of time already served while awaiting trial. East European officials had sought extradition or a severe sentence.

Under the new agreement, the World Court could rule on whether a hijacker should be extradited if a dispute arose over his sentence or legal status.

The pact is the latest US-Soviet move to enhance the authority of the court, formally known as the International Court of Justice at The Hague, which is the main judicial body of the United Nations.

Although the World Court has no enforcement powers, its rulings carry a major moral impact on world opinion.

Washington accepts World Court rulings under about 60 treaties dealing with a range of diplomatic and commercial rights.

For 40 years, the Soviets had rejected the court's authority, but Moscow reversed its policy in accordance with President Mikhail Gorbachev's new emphasis on human rights and international law.

The Soviet Union said in March it will obey the court's rulings in human rights treaties condemning genocide, banning traffic in prostitution and other forms of slavery, guaranteeing political rights for women, banning racism and outlawing torture.

Prior to Thursday's agreement, the Soviet Union rejected the court's jurisdiction in the seven anti-drug and hijacking treaties.

The United States already had agreed to the court's authority in those treaties.

The House cut \$502 million from the \$1.1 billion administration request for the MX Rail-Garrison System and eliminated all \$100 million from the Midgetman missile.

Lawmakers are predicting a contentious session when they try to draft defence legislation from a US House of Representatives bill and a Senate blueprint that largely endorses President George Bush's priorities.

"I think it will be a more difficult conference than we've had in some time," Sen. Sam Nunn, a Georgia Democrat, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said shortly after the chamber approved a military package that left Bush's proposals on "Star Wars," mobile missiles and the B-2 bomber relatively intact.

"Star Wars" is the space-based missile defence system formally known as the Strategic Defense Initiative.

The Senate action came less than one week after the House gutted or severely curtailed many of the president's strategic programmes, including a last-minute step killing the single-warhead Midgetman missile.

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# Iowa fires to exercise

NORFOLK, Virginia, Aug. 8. (UPI): The battleship USS Iowa has fired its 16-inch (400 mm) guns in the Mediterranean Sea for the first time since an April 19 explosion in the battleship's No. 2 gun turret killed 47 sailors, the Navy said yesterday.

The firing of the ship's huge guns occurred Aug. 4 during military exercises and was carried out in accordance with revised guidelines for firing guns aboard the Navy's four World War II-era battleships, a spokesman said.

Shortly after the Iowa blast, the Navy ordered that none of the 16-inch (400mm) guns aboard its four recommissioned battleships be fired, pending an investigation of the tragedy.

That order was modified in June to allow the battleships to fire during times of war, emergency operations, and certain training periods.

"Safety considerations were reviewed very, very carefully," Ensign Taylor Kiland said. "It was determined that the use of the 16-inch (400mm) guns did not pose any risk to the battleships or the people aboard them."

Kiland would not provide any details of the firing.

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# Kaifu to become Japan's premier

Ex-minister to lead LDP

TOKYO, Aug 8. (Agencies): Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party elected Toshiki Kaifu as its leader today, making him the certain choice to succeed Sosuke Uno as the next prime minister.

"I want to carry out reforms and pass reform legislation based

on our deep self-reflection. We must carry out political reforms and shed our old skin," Kaifu declared after his selection by the scandal-rocked party.

Kaifu was expected to be elected prime minister tomorrow by the lower house of parliament, which is dominated by Liberal

Democrats. The 58-year-old former education minister is the LDP's third leader in just over two months.

"This is a crucial time for our party, so it will be a great responsibility," Kaifu told reporters at a news conference following today's party ballot.

Kaifu faces the severe challenge of restoring public trust in the LDP following widespread disaffection over the so-called Recruit influence peddling scandal and controversy surrounding Uno.

Seventeen people were arrested on bribery and other charges in the Recruit scandal, which involved sales of large numbers of unlisted shares in the real estate subsidiary of the Recruit Co. publishing conglomerate.

Three cabinet ministers also resigned due to Recruit links, but were neither arrested nor charged. But former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita resigned to take responsibility for the scandal.

Takeshita's successor, Uno, was plagued by reports that he kept paid mistresses, and announced his resignation July 24 to take responsibility for the LDP's loss in upper-house elections.

Uno's report to Moscow ruling out the Japanese Army's northward advance enabled the Soviet Union to transfer its forces from the Far East to reinforce its fighting against the Nazi Germans, the reports said.

Official records have been destroyed and the credibility of the reports has not been ascertained. Uno kept silence on the case.

Sorge entered Japan as a journalist in October 1941, two months before Pearl Harbour.

He and his associate, Hotsumi Ozaki, were executed in 1944, a year before the end of World War II.

He joined the then outlawed Communist Party while he was a high school student and was arrested on charges of violating the notorious Maintenance of the Public Order Act used by the Japanese Imperial Army to crack down on leftist elements.

He was paroled but was re-arrested in 1939 and held in prison until the end of the war.



Kaifu raises both arms high in a traditional 'banzai' or hurray after being elected as the leader of the LDP Tuesday in Tokyo. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Conference discussed

### Meeting on Cambodia

PARIS, Aug 8. (AP): The Vietnamese foreign minister and a senior Chinese official met in Paris, mainly to discuss the international peace conference in Cambodia, in the highest-level encounter between the two countries in a decade.

A Vietnamese spokesman, Le Mai, said today the discussions between Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and a Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, Liu Shu Quing, took place yesterday at the Chinese embassy in what he called a "frank and open" atmosphere.

"The discussions concerned several subjects of common interest, and particularly the Paris conference on Cambodia," the spokesman said. The two men met as chiefs of their respective delegations at the conference, which opened July 30 and is expected to last about a month.

The spokesman said the two sides agreed to have further discussions.

China is the main supporter of the Khmer Rouge and other elements of the resistance to the Vietnamese-backed Cambodian government of Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Relations between China and Vietnam have been sour since the two sides fought briefly in 1979.

**Quake strikes:** An earthquake struck large areas of central New Zealand on Tuesday, shaking homes and office blocks in the capital, Wellington.

Seismologist Warwick Smith said the quake, centred in the Tararaki district of Western North Island, measured between 5.5 and 6.0 on the Richter scale.

## Illegal workers leaving Singapore

### Exodus before caning starts

SINGAPORE, Aug 8. (UPI): Illegal workers and visa overstayers scrambled today to foreign embassies in time to head back to their homelands before the government's "final amnesty" expires and causes start.

After a three-week grace period in which diplomats exhorted their nationals over prime-time television, at worksites, popular hangouts and even mosques to surrender, more than 332 turned up to take advantage of the last reprieve.

Starting tomorrow the stiff penalties of the new immigration law go into effect, with illegal workers and overstayers sentenced to three strokes of a cane and at least three months in jail.

That Ambassador Asta Jayarama said the introduction of a bill in Parliament last week extending the mandatory caning rule to include employers who knowingly hire illegal workers prompted the surrender of a large number of illegals.

"Some of the workers wanted to stay on for financial or personal reasons," said Asta. "But labour agents told them, 'I won't hire you anymore.'

The latest legislation is part of the Singapore government's continuing efforts to combat the problem of illegal workers here. Under the amended act, bosses who knowingly employ more than five illegals and traffickers will also be fined if found guilty.

"They are the root cause of the problem, and should be dealt with more severely," the Ministry of Home Affairs said.

Asta said he was pleased with the total of 271 that he reported for repatriation. "That's a good number. Our efforts — the embassy, the people of Thailand and Singapore authorities — our common efforts have been successful."

Officials from the high commissions of India,

Bangladesh, the Philippines and Indonesia have also been warning their nationals to take advantage of the last grace period.

The second amnesty came in the wake of the mass repatriation exercise from March until June of 12,000 workers, with 10,000 Thais departing in March in the largest single exodus.

The Thai government and labour leaders have said they will not appeal for another amnesty should any illegal Thai worker be arrested after found guilty.

Thai authorities and labour unions were in an uproar after Somkid Kamjan, a Thai illegal immigrant, became the first Thai to be sentenced to caning and jail after he deliberately decided not to be repatriated with the others in the earlier exercise.

His arrest sparked the final amnesty following formal appeals from the Thai government, and Somkid was among those freed.



Hong Kong police drag away protesters early Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Police haul off protesters

### Vietnamese boatpeople attacked

HONG KONG, Aug 8. (Reuter): Police moved today against angry Hong Kong residents protesting against the unabated flow of Vietnamese boat people to the British colony.

A small group of protesters had occupied the site of a proposed detention centre in the new territories district of Tai Po for the past nine days. Police moved in before dawn today and carried them to a waiting bus.

The protesters have been blocking construction work at the site, citing lack of security and fears of pollution for the nearby reservoir.

The sit-in was part of a concerted effort by local civic groups who want Hong Kong to end its policy of first asylum, under which Vietnamese boat people are allowed to land here.

"The public and the press have been monitoring the situation, yet the government fails to make any improvement," said protest leader Wong Shui-Shang.

A member of the Shatin District Board, Johnston Wong, maintained Hong Kong's refugee problem had become unmanageable.

"The only solution would be

### Anniversary marked

### Burmese defy military

RANGOON, Aug 8. (AP): Five people were arrested after about 30 students defied martial law in Rangoon today shouting slogans to mark the anniversary of the start of last year's crushed uprising for democracy, witnesses said.

Kaifu, if he is successful in reversing the decline in the LDP's popularity, will have a chance to realign the power structure in the party which has governed Japan since it was formed in 1955.

A poor performance, conversely, could lead to the LDP losing its majority in the lower house in elections that must be held by next July.

"I think the party election was very clean," said Hajime Morita, a Liberal Democrat lawmaker. Unlike in the past, he said, when large amounts of money changed hands within the party to lobby support for candidates, "This time very little money was used."

"I think there is a growing feeling in the party that the public is watching what we are doing," he said.

All three candidates to replace Uno agreed in speeches yesterday to party members that the Liberal Democrats should revise an unpopular 3 per cent sales tax that outraged Japanese consumers and contributed to the election loss.

Witnesses today reported an increased presence of soldiers and police in Rangoon, which has been under martial law since September.

to stop accepting any more refugees and immediately send back those already in Hong Kong," he said.

There are now 52,755 Vietnamese jammed into Hong Kong's camps and detention centres, many living in cramped miserable conditions. Over 1,000 have arrived in the past three days.

Hong Kong has operated a tough policy of screening out

pirates, speeding through the South China Sea in trawlers equipped with powerful engines and often radar.

Statistics show more than 70 refugee boats have been attacked by pirates since the beginning of 1985 with more than 400 refugees either missing or presumed dead.

Malaysian and other Southeast Asian countries providing first asylum to boatpeople decided in March they would no longer grant IndoChinese refugees automatic resettlement in third countries.

The Geneva conference on IndoChinese refugees in June off the country's east coast launched a rescue attempt after fishermen spotted the survivors Sunday, but feared by today the remaining 71 were dead.

The refugees said the pirates raped the 15 women aboard while others were thrown over the sides. Rescuers found the dead body of a woman floating near another oil platform.

Refugees fleeing Vietnam have been easy prey for

genuine refugees from what it considers to be economic migrants since June last year.

Officials estimate only 10 per cent of the 39,262 who have arrived since then qualify as refugees under United Nations criteria.

Those who do not qualify are held as illegal immigrants pending repatriation.

There is growing resentment among Hong Kong's majority Chinese population over the con-

tinuing influx, with demonstrations taking place outside temporary detention centres and petitions for an end to first asylum being presented to the government.

Government officials have in the past expressed fears that tension in the colony caused by the approach of 1997, when China regains sovereignty over Hong Kong, could spill over into violence aimed at the Vietnamese.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Protocol signed

ANKARA, Aug 8. (Reuters): Turkey and the United States, collaborating since 1972 in a narcotics enforcement campaign, signed a protocol for a new programme to prevent smuggling and illicit production of opium, US officials said.

Under the narcotics interdiction assistance programme, the United States will give \$290,000 to the Turkish police as the primary narcotics enforcement agency, they said.

The opiates board of Turkey's state-run oil products office which controls legal cultivation of opium poppy mainly in western Turkey, will receive \$60,000 for efforts to prevent diversion to illicit uses.

## Access refused

ROME, Aug 8. (Reuters): An Italian parliamentary commission has refused a magistrate access to secret records he believes could shed light on the crash of an Italian military plane in 1973, parliamentary officials said today.

Venice magistrate Carlo Mastelloni has been investigating the case since 1986, when a former senior counter-intelligence officer alleged that Israel's Mossad secret service sabotaged the plane as a warning to Italy against dealing with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi.

The supervisory commission on the secret services ruled that the records requested by Mastelloni contained information that could compromise national security if made public.

## Cosmonaut reveals

MOSCOW, Aug 8. (AP): A former Soviet cosmonaut is quoted in a book just published that he was scheduled to beat the Americans to the moon in 1969, but that the death of a top rocket designer kept him grounded.

The book about Valery Bykovsky, titled "Cosmonaut No 5" contradicted Kremlin statements that it never intended to send a man to the moon and appeared to confirm speculation by an American space expert.

Bykovsky, in one of several frank reports on Soviet space failures to come out recently, says he had been in training for the Soviet lunar flight that was expected as early as 1968, the official news agency, Tass reported today in an article on the book.

## Peace proposal

NAIROBI, Aug 8. (Reuters): Mozambican churchmen presented their government's peace offer to right-wing rebels today in a first tentative step which could eventually end the country's 14-year-old civil war, diplomats said.

But they said the talks, hosted by the government of Kenya in a secret location, were unlikely to produce any immediate truce in the war which has killed tens of thousands of people and left thousands more hungry and homeless.

"It will be several days before we see what is going to happen, whether the process will collapse or whether there will be further steps towards peace," said one Western diplomat.

## Ex-spokesman held

VIENNA, Austria, Aug 8. (AP): Stanislav Devaty, a former spokesman for the Charter 77 human rights group, was arrested yesterday in his hometown of Gottwaldov, Czechoslovakia, an emigre source reported.

Along with playwright Vaclav Havel and two other activists, Devaty is a sponsor of a petition titled "Several sentences" calling for democratic reform. It has been signed by some 15,000 people so far.

According to the London-based Palch Press newsletter, Devaty was allowed to make one phone call to say that he was being taken to Brno, seat of regional security headquarters, located some 240 kilometres (150 miles) southeast of Prague.



Mass rally

South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung holding mass rally in Seoul calls on government to stop dragging feet on democratic reforms. Kim recently spent 22 hours in detention being grilled by security men trying to link him to a suspected spy. (Reuter wirephoto)



North Korean and Chinese delegates participating in truce talks show a videotape of South Korean student Im Su-Kyung pleading to come back to South Korea through the border at Panmunjom today. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Appeal to permit crossing

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Aug 8. (Reuters): North Korea today barraged South Korea with appeals to allow a southern student to return home through the border village of Panmunjom next week.

Activist student Im Su-Kyung aborted her first attempt to cross the tense border last month at Panmunjom, controlled by the US-led United Nations Command, after UNC officials consulted the South Korean government. She has pledged to try again on Aug 15.

North Korean Red Cross chief Son Song-Pil today asked for a Panmunjom meeting on Aug 11 to discuss Im's return. At the same time, a North Korean group formed to promote reunification sent a message to Southern Unification Minister Lee Hong-Koo asking for a similar meeting on Aug 14.

The North Korean side to truce talks, which include

China — a co-signatory to the 1953 pact ending the three-year Korean war — also today appealed to the military armistice commission and the American People's Humanitarian Commission to allow Im to cross the line.

"If you have a shred of human conscience and sympathy ... How can you dare dampen so mercilessly the ardent desire of coed Im Su-Kyung ..." said Choe U-Iung, North Korean chief delegate to talks of the Military Armistice Commission (MAC).

"Your failure to open the door to her passage clearly demonstrated that you Americans have no elementary human obligation and conscience, to say nothing of humanitarianism," Choe said.

Southern delegates to the MAC meeting, led by US Rear Admiral Larry Vogt, again refused to let Im Cross, saying that because the Im case was not MAC business they must respect the wishes of the South Korean government.

## Nuclear test talks adjourn

GENEVA, Aug 8. (Reuters): US and Soviet officials today came to the end of six weeks of talks on limiting the size of nuclear tests with agreement apparently close.

Chief US negotiator Paul Robinson said shortly before the final meeting this afternoon that good progress had been made and he hoped the two-year talks were "entering the home stretch."

The talks on how to verify compliance with two unratified test ban treaties call for fewer controversial political decisions than the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START), which adjourned yesterday.

The two sides are split on how best to measure the size of nuclear explosions — the US saying its method is the best and the Soviet Union that its way should also be accepted.

"The US side has to react very carefully to the proposals in front of it now," Robinson said in US statement.

Once completed, verification protocols would be added to the 1974 Threshold Test Ban Treaty (TTBT) and the 1976 Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty.

## Bonn bid to stem emigre flow

## Mission shut

EAST BERLIN, Aug 8. (Reuters): West Germany today shut its East Berlin diplomatic mission to stem the flood of people seeking exit visas to the West and to limit damage to its fragile relations with East Germany.

A surge in the number of East Germans taking refuge yesterday forced Bonn to close the mission, equivalent to an embassy, for only the second time since the two German states established diplomatic ties in 1974.

Some 130 East Germans — families, couples and single people — are holed up in the five-storey building and a compound annex where they sleep on mattresses.

"There was a hull at the weekend and then a large number came again yesterday. We reached the limit of what is bearable," said mission spokesman Eberhard Grashoff.

A couple of would-be emigres from Meissen, in the south of the country, travelled nearly three hours by train only to find the mission gates firmly locked.

"It's another avenue closed to us. We just can't talk to our authorities about our case," said the dejected man, who has been waiting three years to leave the country.

The mission will remain closed until further notice, a tacit West German diplomat said would give both sides a breathing space to solve the problem. Bonn said talks were continuing.

An increase in East Germans trying to leave the hardline communist state — for economic reasons or out of frustration at the lack of reform — has put relations under new strain.

East Germany's Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland today printed an official statement warning Bonn it could damage ties by allowing East Germans to shelter in the mission and its Prague and Budapest embassies.

"Bonn should not worry about things that do not concern it. Unless, that is, one wants to endanger all the positive results that have been achieved," the statement said.

"The GDR (East Germany) is bowing because it knows there is little it can do to thwart these people," said one diplomat.

In Bonn, Rudolf Seiters, a minister in the office of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said West Germany did not encourage any East Germans to emigrate but had a duty to offer humanitarian aid to those who wanted to.

## Small Polish parties fail to back Walesa coalition offer

WARSAW, Aug 8. (Reuters): Two communist-aligned political parties refused today to give immediate backing to a proposal by Lech Walesa to form a coalition with Solidarity excluding the communists, but they said they would consider the offer.

The Solidarity chairman's proposal, made yesterday, would group the United Peasants' Party (UPP), the Democratic Party and Solidarity in the first non-communist government in East Europe since the late 1940s.

The Democratic Party said it regretted Walesa had not made his proposal sooner, but did not say if

it would accept the offer. The UPP responded coolly to the proposal but said its leaders would continue to discuss the idea.

Prime Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak, a senior communist, has been trying to put together a government since he was appointed on August 2, but his efforts have been stymied by Solidarity's refusal to join in a "grand coalition."

The two small parties have long been loyal to the communists, but their traditional alliance has shown signs of cracking in recent weeks as the Communist Party has begun to dismantle its 45-year monopoly on power.

"The proposal put forward by Lech Walesa, the chairman of the independent trade union Solidarity, requires serious consideration and decisions by the appropriate bodies of the Democratic Party," the Democratic Party said in a statement.

"It will be taken into account if the good of the nation requires it. It is a pity the proposal was not made earlier," it said.

The UPP said it had discussed the proposal but preferred a "grand coalition" government. Kiszczak wants Solidarity to join a communist-led coalition with the smaller parties.

## China lists 'target people'

BELIJING, Aug 8. (Agencies): The Chinese government, facing resistance to an ongoing campaign to crush dissent, has sharpened an investigation of this spring's democracy movement by identifying 20 categories of people as targets for punishment, Chinese sources said today.

The sweeping list was issued in an internal document by the Chinese Communist Party central committee and the State Council, and party members during the past week, the sources said.

The list, in three headings, is aimed at people who led, took part in or supported pro-democracy protests in April and May in Beijing and the uprising ignited when the Chinese Army swept into the city June 3 and brutally suppressed the demonstrators. At least hundreds of people were killed.

Differentiated by severity of offense, it lists 10 "types of people" whom "the government will strike heavily against" for violent or serious crimes, nine types to be disciplined for milder offenses, and a final category of those needing "heightened re-education," which it calls "the majority."

## Action

But the sources said some categories are so broad they enable authorities to take action against virtually any of the millions of people who joined in or supported the protests, indicating the leadership's desire to snuff out remaining vestiges of dissent.

The second set includes such vague offenses as "those who had contact with suspicious foreigners," "suspicious people who need further investigation" and "those who spread groundless rumors."

"The meaning behind this is to thoroughly uncover and resolutely suppress any resistance," said a Chinese party member who has seen the internal circular.

However, sources said, the list also reflected an acknowledgement of continued resistance to the government's bid to root out the vast numbers of supporters or sympathizers for the movement.

"Many people are just keeping silent," one Chinese source said. "The older ones went through the Cultural Revolution, and don't want it repeated, and the younger ones just don't care."

The government has branded the protests a "counter-revolutionary rebellion" aimed at overthrowing the communist leadership, and the list reflects what one Chinese called a drive to "Zhancuo Chungen," or "cut the weeds and dig up the roots."

## Crackdown

Chinese and Western sources estimate tens of thousands of people have been arrested nationwide in the crackdown on pro-democracy students and activists, but the government is also moving in work units to identify and weed out supporters.

The internal document specifies "each work unit must organise a small investigation unit and be responsible in implementing" the identification, similar to "work teams" employed during the massive political purge of the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution, sources said.

Colleges nationwide have cut by 1,148 the number of high school graduates they will accept from Beijing, an official newspaper reported today, in yet another apparent effort to prevent student unrest.

Meanwhile, more reports of arrests from the spring's seven weeks of student pro-democracy protests trickled into the capital. A report from the Hebei daily, seen in Beijing today, said seven Beijing student leaders and other alleged counter-revolutionaries were arrested in Hebei last month.

The newspaper China Daily is bowing because it knows there is little it can do to thwart these people," said one diplomat.

In Bonn, Rudolf Seiters, a minister in the office of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said West Germany did not encourage any East Germans to emigrate but had a duty to offer humanitarian aid to those who wanted to.

However, students do not select their majors, but are assigned to departments regardless of personal preference. A more likely explanation was that out-of-town colleges feared students from Beijing might cause political unrest on their campuses.

## 'Reds are losing'

## Aquino sets deadline

MANILA, Aug 8. (AP): President Corazon Aquino said today she may wait another year before telling Washington whether she will close US military bases here, but talks on their future could begin by December.

"Our deadline for giving the notice of termination with regard to the US facilities in our military bases will be on Sept 16, 1990," Aquino told reporters. "I have also said that maybe talks on a new bases treaty could begin by the end of this year."

Aquino's deadline falls one year before expiration of the agreement under which the United States maintains six bases in the Philippines.

The bases, including Clark Air Base and the Subic Bay Naval Base, are among the largest US military garrisons outside the continental US.

Under the Philippine constitution, any extension of the bases must come under a bilateral treaty subject to approval by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate, where opposition to the installations is strong.

The government said yesterday it was ready to begin talks on a new treaty and would speed studies on alternative uses of the facilities if they are closed.

Aquino, meanwhile, said today that communist rebels are waging a "deadlier war" to overcome defeats dealt them by government forces.

"We are winning the war for democracy," Aquino said during ceremonies marking the 88th anniversary of the Philippine Constabulary. "We have turned the tide against the communists and their war against democracy."

Aquino said the urban assassination campaign waged by the Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed wing, the New People's Army, has frightened civilians, who are now informing the military of the rebels' presence in their areas.

She said the rebels' loss of popular support had led to the capture of prominent communist leaders, including central committee member Saturnino Ocampo and his common-law wife, Carolina

## Free Obeid: envoy

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in Lebanon. "I was unable to establish exactly when he died. Opinions differ about that."

Asked if he was satisfied with finding showing Higgins was dead, Goulding said, "I have seen the findings of the FBI, who have professional forensic scientists who examined the evidence and reached that conclusion."

Goulding declined comment when asked if he had relayed a message from Hezbollah spiritual leader Sheikh Hussein Mohammed Fadallah in Beirut.

After an earlier meeting with US Ambassador William Brown, Goulding was asked about reports in the Jerusalem Post that another American hostage in Lebanon, Joseph Cicippio, might be released soon, as a "goodwill gesture."

Goulding said he had no information that this was the case.

Cicippio, who was threatened with death until the US intervened with an international diplomatic offensive, worked at the American University of Beirut. He has been a captive since Sept 12, 1986.

Goulding said he would meet with the UN Secretary-General Wednesday to report on his trip.

Rabin said today's meeting took place at Goulding's request and that he had given the UN official what information Israel had on Higgins.

He said he also described Israel's "moral and practical commitment" to bringing home soldiers missing in action.

We would like to turn our achievement — having Sheikh Obeid in our hands — to an end of the hostage episode for Israelis and Westerners.

Rabin said the next step in the process should be receiving a report on the health of the three missing Israeli servicemen. They are soldiers Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alshukri, captured Feb 17, 1986, in Israel's "security zone" in southern Lebanon, and Ron Arad, a navigator whose plane went down over southern Lebanon on Oct 16, 1986.

"We are not willing to link the Iranian assets question to the hostage question," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said. "That fits within the definition of our policy of not trading arms or money or whatever for hostages, of not paying ransom for hostages."

"I would not dwell on this one because we do not dwell on this one. This has particular problems as it relates to our hostage policy," he told reporters who had asked about a Tehran Times report that Iran was willing to deal over assets frozen by former President Jimmy Carter in 1979 after the seizure of the US embassy and its staff in Tehran.

Washington is reluctant to make any direct swaps with Iran lest it conjure up memories of the

## HIGHLIGHTS

**Hostages moved to Bekaa valley:** Britain's ambassador to Lebanon said yesterday that most Western hostages there may have been moved to the Bekaa valley, a stronghold of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group in eastern Lebanon.



Dead mourned

Pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims mourn a Hezbollah fighter, who was killed during the artillery exchange in Beirut. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Stabbing killed informer

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM.** Aug 8, (AP): A Palestinian man described as a pro-Israeli collaborator died yesterday of stabbing wounds, bringing to at least 90 the number of Palestinians killed by their brethren for alleged assistance to Israel, Arab journalists said.

In another development, the Jerusalem district court postponed for the third time the manslaughter trial of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a spiritual leader of Jewish settlers in the West Bank town of Hebron.

Levinger is charged in the death last September of Kayed Salah, 42, a Hebron merchant. Witnesses have said Levinger opened fire after his car was stoned, killing Salah and wounding another Palestinian. Levinger denies the charges.

The court has postponed his trial on July 13 because Levinger failed to show up with a lawyer, and postponed it again yesterday till Aug 29, after Levinger's lawyer Yakov Nechishman asked for time to review the case.

Speaking to reporters after the 30-minute session, Levinger claimed he was brought to trial unjustly and that he "acted in accordance with the law. Everyone will see that I did what I had to do."

"The political leaders should be interrogated for their role in not putting down the intifada," or Palestinian uprising, he added. "In particular, (Defence Minister Yitzhak) Rabin should be fired."

In the West Bank town of Bethlehem, residents reported that a man in civilian clothes opened fire from a passing car, seriously wounding 13-year-old Mohammed Jamil Kamel in the head, Israel Radio said.

## Heroin on rise

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM.** Aug 8, (AP): Israel's border with Lebanon may be one of the most highly guarded in the world, but heroin smugglers are succeeding where commandos usually fail.

Police yesterday netted seven kgs (15.4 pounds) of heroin in the occupied Gaza strip, a spokesman said.

Last Thursday, a record heroin bust of 21 kgs (46.2 pounds) was made throughout the country in a 19-hour operation, deputy inspector Sandor Mazar of the criminal investigation department said.

"Unless an overall, massive effort is made, we will ultimately be facing a drug-abuse problem as bad as that of the United States and Europe," warned deputy inspector Rafi Peled, head of Israel's criminal intelligence division.

In the last two years, Lebanese and Palestinian commandos have made 31 events to penetrate Israel's northern security belt. Only two have succeeded, Army officials said.

But Lebanese drug runners have managed to smuggle increasing amounts of heroin into the country through that same barrier.

"It's hard to close the border to the heroin smugglers. A small amount is easy to hide, and is worth a lot in Israel," Peled said.

## 23 prison hunger strikers in Turkey in serious condition

**ANKARA.** Aug 8, (Reuter): Twenty-three hunger striking prisoners were in serious condition today after refusing treatment in a protest that has knocked Turkey's already poor human rights image.

A leading Turkish human rights activist urged doctors to force-feed the 23 to save their lives.

Some 2,000 prisoners are refusing food to protest over restrictions in 12 civilian jails in Turkey. Most are Kurds and left-

US told to halt supply of arms to mujahedeen

MOSCOW, Aug 8, (Agencies): Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze says the Soviets are ready to stop military aid to Afghanistan if the United States and other countries end assistance to anti-communist rebels fighting the Kabul government.

Shevardnadze made his statement in an interview transmitted yesterday by the official Tass news agency, which also reported that rebel rockets struck the Soviet embassy compound in Kabul, damaging office buildings.

No casualties were reported at the embassy, but Tass said ten people died in rebel shellings elsewhere in the Afghan capital.

"The Soviet Union is prepared to discontinue all military shipments to Afghanistan at any moment on a reciprocal basis," Shevardnadze said.

## Political plan Fatah congress

JERUSALEM, Aug 8, (Reuter): Following are extracts from the political programme adopted by the general congress of Fatah in Tunis (616 words; unofficial Reuter translation from the official Arabic text):

"The Congress ... defines its future goals as follows:

On the Palestinian front:

■ The question of Palestine is the core of the Arab-Zionist struggle.

■ Decisive commitment to the inalienable national rights of our Palestinian Arab people in its homeland Palestine, including its right to return, to determine its fate without outside interference and to set up its independent state with occupied Jerusalem as its capital.

■ Affirmation of the unity of the Palestinian Arab people inside and outside Palestine and that the PLO brings them together as the leader of their struggle and their sole legitimate representative.

■ To respect the right of the Palestinian revolution to perform its tasks across any Arab land.

■ Call on the Arab states, and especially the confrontation states, to unite their forces and mobilise their masses to confront Israeli aggression.

On the international front:

■ Commitment to an effective international conference with full powers for peace in the Middle East, to converge on the basis of international legitimacy under the supervision and auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of the five permanent member states of the security council and the parties concerned, including the PLO on an equal footing and with the same rights as the other parties.

■ The Congress affirms ... the right of all oppressed peoples under occupation to use all forms of struggle for their liberation and national independence.

■ Escalation of the popular uprising which aims to end the Zionist Israeli occupation.

■ Rejection of and resistance of the autonomy plan and other plans designed to legitimise the Zionist settler occupation.

■ The Fatah Congress rejects the Shamir plan for elections and affirms that any elections inside our occupied land must take place in a free and democratic atmosphere under international supervision after the withdrawal of Israeli forces and that the elections must be part of an integral programme for a final settlement.

■ Affirms the right of the PLO to take part independently and on an equal footing with other parties in all conferences and international efforts on the question of Palestine and the Arab-Zionist conflict.

■ To continue dialogue with Israeli democratic forces which rejects the occupation and supports.



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port the inalienable national rights of our people ... and recognise the PLO.

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"If hunger strikers do not accept treatment they will die. What can we do?"

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal told reporters late yesterday.

"These incidents are provoked from outside. There are people who fuel these incidents and we end up with deaths," he told Reuters.

A doctor at Aydin State Hospital in western Turkey, where the 23 were taken from a local jail on Sunday, said: "Two of the hunger strikers are approaching the critical line. We will have to forcibly give them serum to save their lives."

"The other 21 are in serious condition. All are refusing treatment and examinations. We can only take their blood pressures if we manage to persuade them," he told Reuters.

Akin Birdal, general secretary of Turkey's Human Rights Association, said: "They are under the protection of the state. They should be forcibly treated if necessary."

"The state is obliged to protect their right to live," he told Reuters.

The protests have hurt Turkey's human rights image at a time when Ankara is awaiting a response from Brussels on its 1987 application for full European Community membership.

He added, however, that he told Cheney "we are against all

## Pilot dodges bullets

On board the Santa Maria

JOUNIEH, Lebanon, Aug 8, (Reuter): "When I close my eyes I still see both children thrashing in the water and drowning."

Cesar Ati Ati, 25, is the Lebanese pilot on the Santa Maria, a high-speed 37-metre (yard) vessel that dodges Syrian guns to keep the sealine open to Lebanon's beleaguered Christian enclave.

Three nights ago the Santa Maria had a narrow escape. But two sisters, aged one and two, were not so lucky.

"We were taking passengers on board when the shelling started," Ati told Reuters during a mid-night run from Cyprus to this Christian-held port north of Beirut.

"We headed away from the dock immediately and waited in the bay for the remaining 12 passengers and their luggage to be transferred by fishing boat."

A salvo of 120mm rockets bracketed the fishing boat, turning it over and throwing passengers into the Mediterranean.

Ati and other members of Santa Maria's crew leaped into the water with life jackets.

"I saw a man and two children. They couldn't

swim.

The man grabbed me in panic but I managed to break his grasp and pull him in. Then I went back for the children, but they were gone."

Two-year-old Rouba Azar died in hospital. The body of 12-month-old Maya was washed ashore.

They were just two more victims in five months of shelling pitting forces in the Christian enclave against Syria and its Lebanese allies. More than 500 people have been killed.

The Santa Maria's bearded captain is Asbjorn Sundsjord, 54, from Trondheim in Norway, who went to sea as a deckhand aged 14 on a coastal freighter and spent the eight years of the Iran-Iraq war skipping a tanker up and down across the Gulf.

He says he does the job from a sense of adventure and a belief that people should be able to move freely in and out of Lebanon.

"I'm not a Christian nor a Muslim and don't take sides," he says. "They are trying very hard to shell us. I don't know why. We've had shells and rockets coming in five metres (yards) from the ship."

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Security measures

JEDDAH, Aug 8, (KUNA): Interior Ministries of Saudi Arabia and North Yemen issued a joint statement here late last night on new measures to facilitate the movement of citizens between the two neighbouring countries as stipulated by the common interest.

"In continuation of studies and discussions under way between Prince Naif Ibn Abdulaziz, the Saudi minister of the interior and his North Yemeni counterpart, Dr Abdullah Hussein Barakat within the framework of the joint security co-operation it was decided that transference of citizens between the two countries would be confined only to the following checkpoints:

Firstly, Al-Tawil and Haradib on the western side.

Secondly, Al-Khadhra and Al-Baqaa' for the eastern side. The statement said:

### Bashir assures US

KHARTOUM, Aug 8, (Reuter): Sudanese military leader General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir assured the United States yesterday that his government was keen to find a comprehensive solution to the six-year civil war in the south.

State television said Bashir also explained to visiting US Assistant Secretary of State Herman Cohen why he led the June 30 coup that toppled Prime Minister Sadeq Al-Mahdi's three-year civilian government.

"A democracy that does not feed the people does not deserve to exist," Bashir was quoted as telling Cohen, whose visit was the first high-level contact between Khartoum and Washington since the coup.

Speaking to reporters after their meeting, Bashir told Cohen that it was evident to the US government that Mahdi had been unable to solve the country's problems.

### Landmines planted

ATHENS, Aug 8, (UPI): Iran, which executes drug dealers and sends addicts to labour camps to be "cured," has planted landmines and strung barbed wire along parts of its border with Pakistan and Afghanistan to deter drug smuggling, Tehran Radio said yesterday.

Mokhtar Kalantari, a high-ranking Revolutionary Guards commander in charge of what the government calls its anti-drug campaign, told reporters in Tehran the new measures were needed to stop convoys of drug-smuggling vehicles from crossing vulnerable points of Iran's southeastern borders.

The obstacles were set up between guard stations along a recently built border highway. Kalantari said in a Tehran Radio dispatch monitored in Athens.

### Drug rings smashed

NICOSIA, Aug 8, (Reuter): Iranian police said today they had smashed 53 drug rings, arrested 6,668 smugglers and dealers and seized more than 10 tonnes of drugs, two-thirds of its opium, over the past six months.

Mokhtar Kalantari, quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA received in Cyprus, said Afghans were heavily involved in smuggling drugs into Iran across its eastern borders with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He said 1,000 tonnes of opium were produced annually in Afghanistan and Pakistan, much of it turned into heroin in laboratories in Afghanistan before being taken into Iran.

Iran, which has executed 772 people on drug charges this year, began sending addicts to labour camps last month under a tough anti-drug law enacted in January.

Kalantari said of the 40,000 addicts arrested in the past six months, nearly half smoked opium and 40 percent were addicted to heroin.

A total of 3,000 drug addicts arrested since July 23 have kicked the habit, Kalantari said.

### Peacekeepers killed

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon, Aug 8, (Reuter): Two Nepalese soldiers of the UN peacekeeping force were killed when their armoured personnel carrier struck a rock in south Lebanon, security sources said today.

They said four other Nepalese troops of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) were also wounded in the accident which occurred on a road 10 km (six miles) northeast of the border town of Naqoura, UNIFIL's headquarters.

The 5,700-strong UNIFIL force deployed in south Lebanon in 1978 after an Israeli incursion to the area.

### Rushdie earns £1.5m

LONDON, Aug 8, (KUNA): As Muslims in the UK continued to call for the ban of Salman Rushdie's controversial book, The Satanic Verses, it was reported yesterday that it has earned him £1 million.

The novel, which raised a major row after it was published last year, sold 1.1 million copies, The Sun newspaper said.

Rushdie, who had been in office early next year, said he planned to begin travelling abroad at the end of this year but did not say what other countries he would visit.

He said he expected to strengthen military co-operation with Egypt because "a militarily strong, politically stable Egypt is critical to our efforts to the search for this elusive (Middle East) peace."

Cheney said he planned to begin travelling abroad at the end of this year but did not say what other countries he would visit.

In his statement to newsmen, Abu Taleb also spoke highly about the Egyptian-US partnership, "which has been one of the pillars of stability in the Middle East for 14 years."

He added, "our partnership is marked by friendship, co-operation, and trust ... it is built on shared values and objectives."

# Infectious diseases in Kuwait under control

## Health awareness a priority

INFECTIOUS waves of diseases that taxed the capabilities of medical authorities and professionals in Kuwait are now relegated to history and death caused by infectious diseases rank ninth as a cause of death. Dr Abdul Aziz Al Enizi, director of the Infectious Diseases Hospital said.

The percentage of deaths among newly born infants presently stands at 16.8 per 1,000 babies which is far less than the figures of some advanced countries. Enhanced medical facilities, vaccination campaigns, health awareness and the con-

tinued priority accorded by the state in relation to health are all contributory factors to the reduction in the percentage of deaths due to infectious diseases, the official said.

Elucidating, the official said that not a single case of poliomyelitis has been reported in Kuwait since 1987. Only two isolated cases of diphtheria were reported and no cases of tetanus have been recorded among children. However, it has been reported that one adult was reported to have been diagnosed as having this ail-

ment. Since 1987, 114 cases of whooping cough have been reported. Measles have been under control, the official said and added that health authorities had in 1987 expected an infectious wave of this disease, but only 428 cases were reported.

Enizi disclosed that there are four Kuwaiti nationals infected with leprosy and are being treated at the Infectious Diseases Hospital since the sixties. Cases of diarrhoea are still being reported in large numbers - especially amongst children. In 1987, a total of 3,429 cases were

reported compared to 4,432 in 1986, the official said.

Health services are accorded top priority by the State of Kuwait and no effort is spared to provide state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. The extent of this support is evidenced by the fact that the state is now hard pressed to continue with the policy of indiscriminate use of medicines, professional medical services and facilities.

Earlier, 36 Chinese workers were discharged after being treated for typhoid.

## UAE electricity

# Joint efforts to increase output

ABU DHABI, Aug 8. (OPECNA): Demand for electricity in the United Arab Emirates has risen substantially since the 1970s due to rapid population growth coupled with an ever improving standard of living.

The boom in manufacturing industries has also placed an additional burden on electricity supplies, with annual average consumption during 1978-85 reaching 18.95 per cent of the country's total energy needs.

As a result, substantial investments have been made in developing UAE power plants through joint efforts by individual emirates and the Federal Ministry of Water and Electricity.

Currently, the UAE is capable of producing around 3,850 MW of electricity. About 86 per cent of this amount belongs to local power stations in individual emirates, while the remainder is produced by generators belonging to the ministry, which also owns and supervises a large number of smaller capacity power plants throughout the country.

Abu Dhabi controls the largest capacity, representing 43 per cent of the country's total electricity generation, with Dubai, Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah each accounting for 25 per cent, 16 per cent and two per cent respectively.

The ministry runs 14 power plants with a total capacity of 513.9 mw. The largest of these is located in Ajman (101 mw), followed by Masfout (81.5 mw), New Qadfa (80 mw), Ghaliyah (67.2 mw), Umm Al Quwain (54.6 mw) and Al Nakheel (50 mw). Other plants, all with capacities less than 50 mw, include Falaj Al Mualla, Dhaid, Al Manamah, Masafi, Fujairah, Old Qadfa and Dibba.

Additional capacity is currently being provided at Tawela in Abu Dhabi (400 mw) and Jebel Ali in Dubai (250 mw). Completion of these projects will bring the country self-sufficiency in electric energy.

The UAE relies mainly on gas and fuel oil as sources of electric power. Electricity is produced by gas and steam turbines, diesel generators and solar systems, which although not yet economic on a large scale, are climatically bound to have significant future potential.

## No shortage of teachers

THE Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri has said that the total number of teaching staff for the new academic year is over 27,000, and that currently there is no shortage of teachers.

He said that the ministry is preparing for the start of the new academic year, and that there is

no intention to impose charges on students this year.

He said that the concept of diversifying secondary education is accorded top attention, stressing the need for all summer clubs to diversify their activity programmes to develop their functional performance.

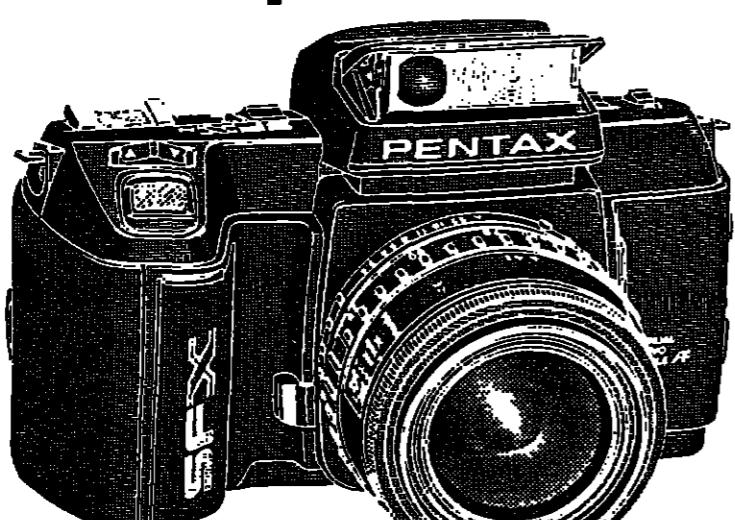
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**New appointment**

Antoine Sayegh has been appointed as the new resident manager at the Kuwait International Hotel. Originally from Lebanon, Sayegh brings with him years of experience from top hotels in London. He started his career in the hotel industry after having completed Hotel Management courses at Middlesex Polytechnic and Oxford Polytechnic in England. In London he worked at the Carlton Towers (Sonesta chain), Grosvenor House Hotel (Trust Houses Forte), London Hilton and the Swiss Cottage Holiday Inn. During 1987-88 he worked as Resident Manager at the Mazzeh Beach. His last position was as assistant general manager at the Sharjah Grand Hotel.

Sayegh enjoys being in



Kuwait and looks forward to exciting days ahead in the hotel industry.

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# Optimum level performance at NCMC

## Computer training for civil servants

DIRECTOR of the Training Department at the National Computers and Microfilm Centre (NCMC) Abdul Latif Hamad Al Namri has said that the centre is determined to develop its performance to an optimum level to keep abreast with high international standards.

### Programmes

He told a local daily that the majority of beneficiaries from training courses organ-

ised by the department were staff from the Ministry of Planning and different government agencies.

The NCMC offers two training programmes each year, each lasting six months and contains four orientation courses in the field of computers and microfilm. These courses are designed to meet the requirements of ministries and government agencies.

He added that 998 trainees graduated

from the NCMC last, and that the Kuwaitis formed 60 per cent of the total staff. The majority of lecturers were Kuwaitis too.

The central function of the NCMC is to prepare national cadres, cultivate their technical and professional skills and optimise their performance to attain self-reliance.

The department selects the ideal trainee for the appropriate course. The courses

organised cover the fields of computer programming, analysis and operations. Beneficiaries are chosen from various categories of staff for training in diversified disciplines.

The department has offered 16,000 trainees different orientation courses since its establishment up to the end of last year, and all these trainees provide their expertise to meet the requirements of the various worksites, the official said.

## Comatose hajj female central to law dispute

A MOTHER travelled to Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj rituals along with her husband, but due to severe stroke was admitted to King Faisal Hospital in a comatose state.

Subsequently, the husband was however surprised by a Tunisian man along with his four sisters who claimed the patient as their sister who they lost while performing hajj rituals.

Unsuccessful attempts by Kuwaiti and Tunisian officials have failed to unravel the confusion. The issue was transformed from a personal dispute to the Kuwaiti and Tunisian embassies and then transferred to the courts. Both the Tunisian and Kuwaiti sides are in a state of heightened activity to unravel the mystery.

This is the story of a Kuwaiti lady who is being fought over by Kuwaitis and Tunisians through embassies, courts, and other legal avenues.

Unfortunately, the centre of this controversy, the lady herself, is in a state of coma.

According to the Kuwaiti son of the patient, (who is a second year engineering student in the US) indicated that he had come to Kuwait to visit his parents a fruitful hajj and had seen them off and was awaiting their return.

He said that he waited for a long time and noticing that hajj delegations and caravans had returned to Kuwait, telephoned his father and surmised from the brief conversation that something was amiss.

The son took the first available flight to Saudi Arabia and arrived at King Faisal Hospital where his father informed him that his mother was still alive. Speaking to the doctor, he described his mother and was told that the description matched. However, the doctor said that the name given by the son was not the name of the patient.

### Surprise

Upon being taken to the room of his mother, he hugged the lady and began sobbing. The father who was notified, arrived and informed his son that before going around the Kaaba, the mother was feeling tired and he had to carry her on his back to finish all the rounds. The father noticing that his wife's condition was getting worse took her to the Kuwait medical delegation who provided first aid, but were unable to stabilise her condition. She was rushed to the intensive care unit at the hospital where in a short period of time she lapsed into a coma.

After two days from being admitted, the father was surprised by the four Tunisian sisters and their brother with the claim that the patient was their sister who they had lost while going around the Kaaba. What compounded the confusion was that the Tunisians produced a picture which was identical to that of the patient. They even brought relatives subsequently who all confirmed that the patient was their sister.

Mohammed then came to Kuwait to collect all necessary documents to prove the identity of his mother — including finger prints. However, on his return to Saudi Arabia, he said that he was totally surprised when his father informed him that the Tunisians had left Saudi Arabia and appointed a lawyer to follow up the case.

Investigations have revealed that a Tunisian man working at the hospital guided the Tunisians to the patient whom they claimed was their sister.

### Transport meeting

BAGHDAD, Aug 8, (KUNA): Transport and communications minister in the four-member Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) states concluded here last night a two-day meeting by signing minutes on joint co-operation.

Ministers from Egypt, Jordan, Arab Yemen and the host country Iraq started their co-ordination meeting here on Sunday.

The signed minutes provide for exchange of information, training and expertise in the fields of post, transport and telecommunications as well as issuance of joint memorial stamps and organisation of philatelic exhibitions.

## Kuwait to negotiate

# Repatriation of Bulgarian Muslims main aim: Gabid

By Yousef Alawna



Gabid ... directives

to arrive at a solution that will guarantee that Muslims return to Bulgaria and also ensure better treatment that would allow them to practice their Islamic rituals freely," Gabid said.

Continuing, he added that we consider the Bulgarian Muslim minority as Turkish Muslims as they are Bulgarians of Turkish origin. They have been subjected to oppression through being unable to practice their religion and preserve their own distinguished culture. They have also forcibly subjected to change their Turkish-Islamic names and further an attempt has been made to suppress their own Turkish language. They have also been prevented from carrying out circumcision. Although Turkey is a secular country, it is an active member of the OIC.

Though Bulgaria is a communist country, it should respect the rights of its Muslim minority. After perestroika was adopted in communist countries, most now respect the rights of minorities.

As per the directives of HH the Amir who is the chairman of the OIC, the organisation has been trying to solve the dispute between Senegal and Mauritania, both OIC members. Two delegations were sent to both countries. However, there is no magic stick to solve disputes and the issue needs careful study. About the Sixth Islamic Summit, Gabid said that it will be held in the Senegalese capital in January 1991. Preparations are on to hold the summit.

Gabid praised the Palestinian intifada. He said that we will continue supporting it to ensure its continuity despite the Israeli repressive measures. He added that the Jerusalem committee will hold its meeting very shortly and said that the OIC is exerting its efforts to convene an international peace conference to solve the Middle East conflict, with full participation of the Palestinian delegation.

## Slight change in cable charges

ASSISTANT Undersecretary of the Ministry of Communications for Technical Affairs Salman Al Roumi has said that charges of local and international telegrams have been slightly changed.

Charges of telegrams to some countries have been reduced while they have been increased for some other countries. He added that charges of cables to Afghanistan have been increased from 122 fils a word to 210 fils; Bangladesh from 48 fils a word to 155 fils; Bulgaria from 152 fils to 225 fils; Finland from 143 fils to 155 fils and Denmark from 182 fils to 184 fils. Cable charges for some other countries have reduced as follows: Bahrain from 54 fils a word to 42 fils; Oman from 102 fils to 42 fils; North Korea from 238 fils to 176 fils; and Canada from 140 fils to 122 fils.

Roumi pointed out that the Ministry of Communications issued an order to organise the postal department by dividing it into three separate departments: postal services department, mail circulation department and postal planning department.

The postal services department will supervise different postal services such as selling stamps, registering and delivering parcels. The department will also work to develop its services and establish new ones. The mail circulation department is responsible for distribution of mail. The planning department puts the strategies of policies to develop the mail activities. It will also prepare the budget and contracts with contractors and importers as well as following up the different mail projects. It will also co-ordinate the mail circulation between Kuwait and Arab and foreign postal departments, he said.



Jordanian Premier Zeid Bin Shaker and Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem with HH the Amir yesterday.

# Shaker arrives on short working visit

## Official talks held

KUWAIT, Aug 8. (Agencies):

Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker arrived here today for talks on Jordan's troubled economy. Shaker delivered a letter to HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah from King Hussein Bin Talal at 11 am this morning. The contents of the letter were not disclosed.

Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem and other senior aides accompanied the Jordanian premier on the "short working visit."

ness" to grant Jordan more aid. Jordanian Central Bank Governor Mohamad Said Nabulsi and other top financial aides are in the UAE for economic talks.

Financial experts say the Arab funds have helped stabilise the Jordanian dinar.

Jordanian government officials told Reuters this week that Amman, rescheduling part of its \$8 billion dollar foreign debt, was seeking two kinds of Arab aid over the next four years.

### Grants

They said Jordan wanted Arab aid through direct grants and an interest-free deposit, while it implements an economic reform programme agreed with the International Monetary Fund.

They said the target of the deposit, a contribution from some Arab countries on which Jordan need pay no interest but which it could place at other banks and use the interest paid by them to boost its foreign exchange reserves.

The talks, which took place at the Crown Prince and Premier's Diwan at the Bayan Palace, were co-chaired by Kuwaiti Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and visiting Jordanian Premier Zeid Bin Shaker.

Present from the Kuwaiti side at the talks were Planning Mini-

ster and Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Trade and Industry Minister and Acting Finance Minister, Faisal Al Khalid.

Secretary of HH the Crown Prince and Premier's Diwan Abdulfatiq Al Bahar, Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shaheen, Kuwait's Ambassador to Jordan Sulaiman Al Fassam and Plenipotentiary Minister at the Foreign Ministry Faisal Al Mashaan, also attended the discussions.

Present on the Jordanian side were Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qassem, the kingdom's Ambassador to Kuwait Nabeel Al Talhoni and director of Bin Shaker's office Aftakham Kasos.

Alid

After the April price riots, Kuwait gave Jordan \$80 million — \$40 million in cash and the rest in crude oil.

On Saturday, Saudi Arabia granted Jordan \$200 million in aid and pledged to direct more foreign currency to Jordanian banks to help boost foreign exchange reserves.

Iraq came up with \$20 million in addition to the \$20 million it pays monthly towards its more than \$335 million debt to Jordan.

Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have "expressed willing-

## Public should contribute to costs

# Upward trend at ports: Mazidi

By Hussain Selameh

STATE Minister for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mazidi said he supports imposing charges on the public against the various public services. He said that the charges should be imposed in order to make citizens and expatriates contribute to the costs of these services.

In an exclusive interview with Seyasah/Arab Times, Mazidi said that the decision of the Council of Ministers to unify customs tariffs at both Shuaibah and Shuaiba ports, comes as a first step to unify charges at all ports and other utilities. He said that the development in transport services play an important role in improving the local economic situation. He added that the insurance charges on ships coming to the Gulf waters have dropped a little and not to the required level. He praised the efforts which have been exerted to develop Kuwaiti ports, which will help trade in general and the transit and re-export trades in particular.

Mazidi said the Gulf waters have become secure after the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war, adding that no incident was reported during the past year on any ship, which gave marine navigation and ships more confidence and security. He said that these conditions have helped increase the navigation movement to Kuwait and other ports as the number of ships that used Kuwaiti ports and its loads, increased remarkably. He said that the port's activities in Kuwait have started its upward trend, hoping that it will return to its activity that prevailed before the Iraq-Iran war in 1980.

The minister stressed that the transit and re-export trade has also increased in the period after the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran.

Many of the Kuwaiti merchants are now involved in the re-export trade as they import

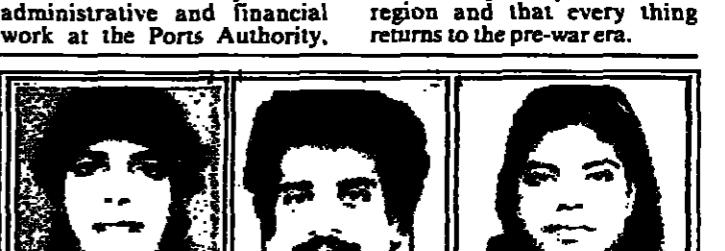
goods from the countries of origin and re-export it to other countries in the region.

Mazidi said that the transportation trade is contributing greatly to the revival of the Kuwaiti economy, which witnessed a state of recession particularly in the last few years of the war. He added that the ports authorities in Kuwait utilised the war period to carry out a number of developments in the ports to prepare them for the post-war period. He said that a number of expansion projects were carried out and all the administrative departments of the ports authority will be gathered in a huge complex due to be completed at the beginning of next year. He said that these measures have greatly facilitated the trade movement to Kuwait.

### Technology

He said that the ministry is always keen to introduce new methods and technology in Kuwaiti ports. He added that Kuwait is co-operating with ports authorities in the rest of the GCC states in order to unify methods of work and in exchanging information and training.

He said that this co-operation will push forward the transportation movement in the Gulf region. He announced that the computer has been introduced to Shuaibah Port to facilitate all procedures. Computers will also be introduced to carry out all administrative and financial work at the Ports Authority.



MARINA PASCOAL NATALIA

After two successful, packed-to-capacity shows in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, Mr. Pascoal Rodrigues and his troupe is in town to entertain Konkani-loving people with his super-hit drama

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## Christian burial for hanged Indian

By Fahima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff



Francisco is survived by his wife and four children, aged nine to 2, who live in his hometown of Pune, India. He worked as a cook with a family in Qadsia. His mother, and sisters, all domestics, and a brother live in Kuwait. His brother Daniel Aranjo's only plea was to be allowed to the cemetery for burial.

Francisco stabbed the driver and conductor in broad daylight in the presence of other bus passengers in a fit of fury. In his appeals, he had said the murders were committed at a moment of madness and anger.

When the story of the double-murders appeared in the local press, Francisco was quoted as saying that he had been assaulted by the bus driver and conductor, who had refused to return 150 fils he was owed. He had reported the case to the police. Humiliated and bruised, he vowed revenge.

Francisco returned with a kitchen knife to the bus stop and waited for two hours for the bus to return to Qadsia, where he lived. He stabbed the bus driver Errol and conductor Hassan Siraj. Errol died on the spot. Siraj succumbed to injuries after a few days in hospital.

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Thought for today

JUDGE a man by his questions rather than his answers —  
François Marie Arouet de Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).

## Roll up for sunny Soweto tour

TAKE a tour of sunny Soweto and see how the other three-quarters live.

A handful of enterprising operators run tourist trips to South Africa's biggest black township for a glimpse of life on the underside of South Africa's apartheid system.

The tours are always well booked by curious foreigners. But they also attract a sprinkling of white South Africans, most setting foot for the first time in what seems to them an alien and threatening place.

Scarcely any of them would consider venturing alone into the sprawling patchwork of black suburbs just 15 km (nine miles) outside Johannesburg.

"I've lived here for eight years and I've never been to a township," said a British immigrant who, like many of the tourists, preferred not to be named. "I'd only come on a guided tour — I'd be scared to go on my own."

An Afrikaner woman from Natal province shared her fears and believed whites were legally barred from visiting townships on their own. In fact, whites have not needed an official permit to enter black areas since 1985.

Both women said they were taking a tour only to accompany relatives or friends visiting from abroad.

"We wanted them to see how it really is — not all mud huts and flies in the eyes," said the British immigrant as the daily four-hour minibus tour run by Soweto municipal council began at a Johannesburg five-star hotel.

Three quarters of South Africa's estimated 35 million population are black. A further 11 per cent are Indian or mixed-race coloured. Yet most whites have little real idea how their less privileged compatriots live.

Apartheid legislation stipulates separate residential areas for different races. Black, Indian and coloured townships have generally been built well away from white areas, usually tucked discreetly out of sight of white towns and main roads.

Only a tiny minority of whites ever enter these "locations," as they are often called, and many are convinced that to do so means at least automatic robbery if not death.

Some, including Soweto, do suffer a high crime rate, but the chances of a stranger blundering into racial confrontation are pretty low.

"Three years ago maybe it was dangerous — some whites were killed — but now it's very quiet," a black journalist said.

A tour showed conditions in the township, from the stinking alleys of an impoverished squatter camp to the plush mansions of soccer magnates and top businessmen.

Most of Soweto's estimated four million residents live in row upon row of tiny "matchbox" houses, so named because of their low, boxy shape and uniform appearance.

Tour guide Dorcas Maphuhi pointed out the homes of local celebrities, including anti-apartheid activists like Winnie Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Her commentary was objective but cautious, the emphasis on the positive.

An Anglican clergyman doing voluntary work at a gleaming orphanage visited during the tour said it was very much a showpiece. Most such township institutions were far less well equipped, he said.

Sowetans look on the tourists with a mixture of amusement, hope and occasional anger when cameras are used insensitively.

"It's good that they come and see how we live," said Lilian Motshwane outside her squatter camp shack. "They can go back and tell people what it's like. Maybe they'll help us."

Her hopes may be ill-founded. Asked for her impressions after the tour, one foreign tourist remarked sweetly: "They've got nicer houses than us Britain."

"I felt a lot safer than I thought I would," the British immigrant said. "It was very fair. Most reports only show the slums — there's another side to it."

Another Briton, visibly upset, took a different view. "Until today I thought this was a beautiful country," she said. "I'm absolutely horrified by what I've seen this morning. I feel like leaving South Africa this minute. (Soweto — Reuter)

## PRESS REVIEW

*Al Rai Al Aam* has questioned the role of military action in restoring Arab land and Palestinian rights, indicating geographical barriers and political considerations make such an option are impossible one.

"From where, how and when will the fighters launch an attack as long as the borders and all outlets are closed to military action until further notice," the paper wondered.

It said since 1973, political moves had eliminated the military option except for what is taking place from Lebanon.

"With the exception of Lebanon, the natural field for the military machinery is the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and that is inaccessible except by a special permission and in specific cases," the paper added.

It noted that only Israel has the initiative of intervention, pursuit and dispatching troops to carry out operations under the pretext of combating terrorism as usual.

It is under this pretext Israel had invaded Lebanon and occupied some of its territories and established what it called the security zone as it is not satisfied with the Golan and West Bank, said the paper.

"The question why don't the Arab have such security zones? We are the threatened ones and we are the victims," *Al Rai Al Aam* said.

The paper said in spite of the self-declared security zone, Israel had penetrated the buffer zone and abducted a Lebanese clergymen.

"After all this they speak about activating military action to liberate Palestine while all indications confirm it is the time of politics ... the time of compromise and the time of bargaining," it said.

*Al Rai Al Aam* indicated that big powers are presently negotiating behind the scenes and back doors with organisations they did not recognise and even refuse to consider them as part of the political and military game in the region, an apparent indication to the hostage crisis. (KUNA)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1529 — Writs are issued for a parliament in England.
- 1615 — Second civil war breaks out in France, in which Prince of Conde is in league with Huguenots led by Henry Duke of Rohan.
- 1655 — Oliver Cromwell divides England into 11 districts, each with a major-general as governor.
- 1792 — Revolutionary commune is established in Paris, France.
- 1805 — Austria joins Britain and Russia as signatory of Treaty of St Petersburgh against France.
- 1898 — Spain formally accepts peace terms ending Spanish-American war.
- 1919 — Anglo-Persian agreement is signed at Tehran to preserve integrity of Persia.
- 1942 — Britain arrests Mohandas Gandhi, Indian nationalist, and he is interned until 1944.
- 1945 — US plane drops second atomic bomb, destroying more than half of city of Nagasaki, Japan, in World War II.
- 1954 — Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey sign treaty of mutual assistance.
- 1956 — UN Security Council adopts US proposed resolution calling for ceasefire between Greek and Turkish Cypriots on Cyprus.
- 1960 — Coup is staged in Laos.
- 1964 — United Nations orders ceasefire in Cyprus.
- 1971 — At least 13 people are killed in rioting in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- 1975 — Two river boats collide near Canton, China, and 500 people are reported drowned.
- 1988 — Army troops in Rangoon, Burma, open fire on thousands of demonstrators who call for overthrow of President Sein Lwin.

# Kaifu: no enemies, no women problems Japan wipes slate clean

IN 1960 a cocky 29-year-old politician predicted that in another 29 years he would be Prime Minister of Japan.

Toshiki Kaifu made that prophecy reality Tuesday as he was elected to head the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, virtually assuring him of becoming Japan's 19th postwar premier.

A few weeks ago it seemed most unlikely. Kaifu didn't figure in the early race to succeed Sosuke Uno, who is stepping down as prime minister after significant LDP losses in a recent parliamentary elections.

But with senior LDP leaders virtually eliminated from serving in the nation's highest office because of their own links to a Recruit Co. influence-peddling scandal, Kaifu was called on as an experienced politician with a clean image to lead the party out of its crisis.

The head of the Liberal Democrats was expected to be elected Prime Minister of Japan on Wednesday, when the LDP-dominated lower house of parliament votes.

The LDP lost its majority in the upper house in an election last month, forcing Uno, already besieged by charges that he kept paid mistresses, to take responsibility and step down.

Kaifu told party members in a Monday speech, "We must seriously consider the harsh reality of the election results."

"The feeling is that the LDP should change its image," said Ichiji Ishii, a member of Parliament who knows Kaifu well. Kaifu's got a clean image and he comes from a clean faction."

Kaifu and Ishii both come from the smallest LDP faction, that of former Economic Planning Minister Toshio Komoto.

Kaifu's management style differs greatly from Uno's.

Uno was much disliked by his co-workers and staff at the Foreign Ministry, which he headed under the Noboru Takeshita administration.

"Uno took all the credit for himself, no matter what, and nobody else got it," a senior Foreign Ministry official said.

Kaifu has throughout his 29-year political career tried hard not to rock the boat or cause problems, an LDP aide said.

"He's a follower," the aide said. "He's always eager to conform, and very self-conscious of his image."

"It looks as if Kaifu has no women problems," said a close colleague who asked not to be identified. "His wife is so strong to allow that anyway."

A veteran politician who served as education minister in the cabinets of two prime ministers, Kaifu, 58, is Japan's second-youngest postwar leader. Only Kakuei Tanaka, premier in 1972-74, was younger, taking office at the age of 54.

### Debating

An eloquent speaker who studied debating in college, Kaifu was a protege of the late prime minister Takeo Miki.

The LDP turned to Kaifu amid calls for a younger leadership and because of his support for political reform, which he inherited from Miki.

He was also a compromise candidate between the main rival factions, whose leaders were tainted by the so-called Recruit Co. scandal.

Kaifu himself has acknowledged receiving 15 million yen (\$108,000) in donations from Recruit but claimed they were all legitimate political contributions.

He moved quickly to repair damage to the LDP since declaring his candidacy Friday, appealing particularly to women, who felt estranged by allegations about Uno's affairs and a new consumption tax forced into law by the LDP.

"We must think of constructing a social balance between men and women that respects women's place in society and makes use of their abilities," he said Monday.

Kaifu's drawbacks are seen as lack of experience in foreign and financial affairs. He has not headed his own faction nor served in a top party post.



Toshiki Kaifu: He has a clean image and comes from a clean faction

Unlike Uno, Kaifu comes to office with one great blessing. He does not have too many enemies," a friend of Kaifu's said.

But he is not known as a dynamic leader who gets things done.

"He doesn't have much respect within the faction," one LDP aide said. "He doesn't get out and raise money for the people in his faction or look after them in that way."

In Japan's world of money politics it is considered a great failing.

Kaifu is known to miss his departed mentor, Prime Minister Takeo Miki. The LDP's original "Mr Clean," Miki worked hard to clean up corrupt political practices. He died last November, aged 81.

"He even continues to wear the same kind of polka-dot neckties that Miki always did as a kind of tribute," said LDP aide Arseny Besher. "He is very loyal in his memory of him even today."

When Miki lost an election for premier to Kakuei Tanaka in 1972, "Kaifu cried out loud in front of everybody," Besher said.

An excellent speaker, Kaifu is considered by his LDP colleagues to be a match for the redoubtable Japan Socialist Party Leader Takako Doi, whose party made substantial gains in the July 23 poll.

"He is considered a smart man," said an LDP aide.

A friend of Kaifu's said his wife was the only notable problem he had. She was unwilling to help his career by acting as hostess to his colleagues.

"She's not too well-liked," the friend said. "When people come to the house she doesn't treat them too well."

"She only serves them tea. Nothing to eat and no alcohol," he added.

Kaifu, his wife and two children lead a relatively modest lifestyle in an apartment rather than a sprawling private house, which is more typical for Japanese politicians.

The next premier and his wife met when they both worked as secretaries to the late Member of Parliament Kinsho Kono in the city of Ichinomiya in central Japan.

When Kono died, Kaifu became his successor, winning his first term in the powerful lower house in 1960, becoming at 29 the youngest person to do so.

Some observers believe his administration will end in October when the Liberal Democrats elect a new party president for a two-year term. Others believe he could last longer, depending on the next three months. (Tokyo — AP)

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## UN vulnerable

# Peace forces court danger

THE apparent death of US Marine Li Col. William R. Higgins is a reminder of the growing vulnerability of UN peacekeeping soldiers.

UN peacekeeping is touted as the epitome of applying the principle of non-violence to violent situations. Peacekeepers, recognizable by their blue helmets, carry light arms and are instructed to use them only for self-defence. Impartiality and vulnerability are supposed to be their armour.

There are about 14,500 UN peacekeepers and observers world-wide from Afghanistan to Namibia, including some 6,000 in the Middle East.

At one time, UN peacekeepers were virtually immune from direct attack. But as hostilities have intensified, they increasingly have become victims of abduction, gunfire and land mines, particularly in the Middle East.

The United Nations aware that US nationals are highly visible and at risk, has withdrawn them from dangerous observer positions in Lebanon for the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), to which Higgins was attached.

UNTSO is the only UN peacekeeping operation in which the United States has personnel directly involved.

Higgins, head of the UNTSO group in Lebanon, was kidnapped Feb. 17, 1988, by pro-Iranian extremists who claimed they executed him recently in retaliation for Israel's abduction of a Shiite Muslim cleric linked to his capture.

UN officials say that its observers in the area, like Higgins, still wish to remain unarmed and believe that carrying weapons not only would fail to enhance their security, but could jeopardize it.

The 298-man UNTSO group in the Middle East operates in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. It has 36 Americans, including four in Higgins' Lebanon observer group of 62. The four are posted in Israel for security reasons.

The 5,844-man UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was founded in 1978 following Israel's invasion of Lebanon to restore peace, confirm withdrawal of Israeli forces and assist the Lebanese government in restoring its authority.

Aided by UNTSO, UNIFIL mans check points and provides humanitarian and medical aid, including running health centres which treat more than 7,000 civilians per month.

Since it was formed in 1948, UNTSO has lost five men in action or work-related accidents.

### Lost

UNIFIL has lost 153 soldiers since it was established — 60 due to gunfire and mine or bomb blasts, 65 in duty-related accidents and 28 from other causes. About 220 have been wounded by gunfire and explosions.

UNIFIL is deployed in southern Lebanon but is unable to fulfill its peacekeeping mandate completely because Israel has blocked the border and created a so-called "security zone."

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar reported last month that during the past six months, eight UN soldiers, five Frenchmen, two Norwegians and one Swede, lost their lives from gunfire, explosions, accidents and natural causes.

The safety of UNIFIL personnel is a matter of continuing and deep concern to me," Perez de Cuellar said in his six-month report of UNIFIL. "It is inexcusable that UN peacekeepers should be subjected to constant threat and danger.

The force suffered loss of life and other casualties during the current mandate period, as a result of harassment of its personnel by various armed groups in the area... the agony of Lebanon also exposes UNIFIL personnel to considerable dangers."

In February, the secretary-general said, unprovoked, indiscriminate heavy machine gun fire at UNIFIL positions killed one Irish soldier.

In March, a UNIFIL truck carrying three soldiers of the Irish battalion on routine detail hit a powerful land mine on a road they had used for weeks. The mine apparently was planted the night before.

Last November, five Palestinian guerrillas captured a Finnish UN peacekeeping outpost in south Lebanon, capturing two Lebanese and five Finnish hostages. Later, 18 more unarmed Finnish peacekeepers joined the hostages, seeking to tire the captors or overpower them.

Eventually, one Palestinian shot a Lebanese hostage to death, but he then was overpowered and the siege ended.

According to UN resolutions and unwritten policy, the United States and other permanent members of the Security Council — Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union — usually do not send troops to peacekeeping or military observer missions due to sensitivity on part of smaller nations over meddling by former colonial powers. Instead, they pay a larger share of the peacekeeping costs. (United Nations — AP)

## Quote me

"I would probably be so frustrated that I'd drop dead. I would not have to worry about being assassinated. I'd just keep over — like Iacocca on running for public office."

"I tried to tell them I shouldn't be there but that doesn't work in a jail..." — Clifford Basler who was locked up in jail for a year due to a break in communications.

"If it takes me four years to win every time, then I'll be 90 and I'll still be trying..." — Beth Daniel said as she reached halfway to the LPGA Hall of Fame.

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\$15-18 until end of the year

## Sheikh Ali predicts price range

KUWAIT'S Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said today that Kuwait has cut oil output by 400,000 to 450,000 barrels to the level of 1.35 million barrels per day, in line with the current OPEC quota agreement.

Oil prices are expected to range between \$15 and 18 until the end of the year, Sheikh Ali said in an Arabic newspaper interview. He said that if they fluctuate more broadly "an emergency OPEC conference should hold to consider the situation."

But he said the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries "should leave prices to move within a margin to reflect the performance of the market forces," Sheikh Ali said.

Commenting on the news that OPEC oil production totalled 2.1 million barrels a day, thus exceeding its production ceiling, Sheikh Ali said that a slight increase spread over a short period will not have adverse effects on the oil market.

Countries exceeding their quotas will soon realise the implications of committing themselves to OPEC production quotas.

Oil ministers of OPEC will attend a meeting of the eight-minister market monitoring committee next month to discuss

exceeding the production quotas by some members, Sheikh Ali said.

The official reiterated that the price system adopted by OPEC proved a failure and pragmatically speaking, a margin must be left for the free movement of oil prices. This facilitates the OPEC share in the international oil markets to increase.

Sheikh Ali arrived in Abu Dhabi on Monday for talks with his United Arab Emirates counterpart, Mana Saeed Oteiba, on market developments and coordination among the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council's oil producers.

The talks are to prepare for a September meeting of the 13-member market monitoring committee.

Sheikh Ali visited Saudi Arabia last week for similar talks with Oil Minister Hisham Nazer. He also conferred in Doha on the price issue with the Qatari Oil Minister, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

"All OPEC oil ministers should attend the market monitoring committee meeting in September," he insisted. "It will be an opportunity to discuss violations of OPEC-decreed production quotas" by a number of OPEC members.

On the issue of the sale of the CF Brown company, a subsidiary of the Kuwaiti-owned Santa Fe Corporation, the minister said that the former is an engineering company and its assets are worth only \$3.4 million.

Although it forms a small part of Santa Fe, it consumed a large part of the latter's resources.

"We decided that the efforts of Santa Fe could be better directed towards exploiting other projects such as oil exploration."

The drop in oil prices a few years ago caused the retreat in the oil exploration activities of Santa Fe, the official said, but added that the corporation's business has since picked up with the firming up of oil prices and the returns on investment in the area of oil exploration.

The corporation has a very high reputation in its field of activities the world over and receives offers from major world oil companies — including an offer from the North Sea.

Sheikh Ali disclosed that Kuwait has a plan to set up a giant petrochemical industries complex aimed basically at increasing Kuwait's exports. After completing the modernisation projects of the oil refineries, Kuwait intends to direct attention to the petrochemical industry.

tries. The official disclosed that Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) will open new fields for the participation of the private sector based on small petrochemical projects in relation to the products of the giant government petrochemical factories.

As plans are constantly being revised and upgraded, the official declined to go into details.

On the issue of reflagging Kuwait's oil tankers, the official categorically denied that its losses exceeded losses from the oil tankers war in the Gulf. He added that priority was accorded to ensuring that shipments of Kuwaiti oil to the international market went through unhampered and ensured a steady source of income. "Kuwait has restored the registration of some of its oil tankers and will complete the procedure at the appropriate time."

The minister confirmed press reports that the government intends to introduce the element of competition at all gasoline distribution stations in Kuwait.

"Competition represents an essential incentive for the development of any sector," Sheikh Ali said. The entire concept is being reviewed, he added. Further, he opined that competition could contribute to a decline in the prices of gasoline.

Elucidating on the British Petroleum deal, the minister said that the entire deal was managed by the London Investment Office. "The operation was a success — similar to all other overseas projects," Sheikh Ali said.

On plans of the Q8 company related to the distribution of oil products in Europe, the oil mini-

sters pointed out that after the great success achieved by the Q8 company in West European countries, the company has been considerably encouraged to open similar stations in other avenues. Other plans include expand in the work base in Europe aimed at upgrading the company's share in international markets, Sheikh Ali concluded.

**Key achievement**

## Oil sector ahead in Kuwaitisation

### Key achievement

KUWAIT, Aug 8, (KUNA): A senior oil industry official today said a high rate of staff Kuwaitisation is a key achievement of the oil industry in Kuwait.

In June 1989 Kuwaitis accounted for 46.2 per cent of the Kuwaiti oil industry workforce, compared with a mere 17.8 per cent 15 years ago, said Abbas Abdalla Malek, the executive assistant of the Kuwaiti Petroleum Corporation's managing director.

He told KUNA in an interview that since the oil industry was nationalised, the country's petroleum companies remarkably managed to employ the potential of Kuwaitis despite shortage of human resources and training difficulties.

He noted that manpower policies of the oil sector usually take into account several considerations in planning employment of Kuwaitis.

Those include such facts that the oil industry is a large capital investment field, a minimum experience is essential and that quality control and operational efficiency must be maintained at a certain level.

At the same time the oil sector is mindful of the need to set the less reliance on non-Kuwaitis, he added.

Abbas, however, acknowledged that it was still difficult for Kuwaiti personnel to meet all requirements of the oil sector.

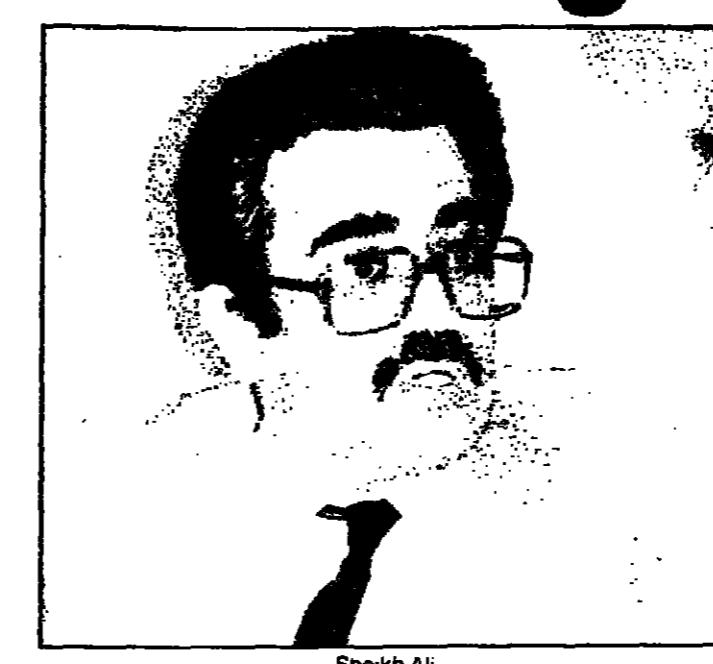
As such, he said, Kuwaitis have first occupied the top of the pyramid, as upper management positions are now 100 percent Kuwaitised, while they fill at least 90 per cent of the production operation posts.

The number of Kuwaitis dwindle down the job scale as they account for 75 per cent of the middle management, 66.7 per cent in the export operations and 55.5 per cent in marketing.

The rate of Kuwaitis is notably low in such areas as shipping, services and secretarial work, Abbas said.

He further noted that the past four years saw a drop in the number of Kuwaitis joining the workforce.

More specifically, the number of non-Kuwaitis in the industry slipped by 999 while Kuwaitis rose in number by 607 over that period, he said.



Sheikh Ali

## New oil discovery

LONDON, Aug 8, (Reuter): Anglo-French entrepreneur Sir James Goldsmith, bidding for British conglomerate BAT Industries PLC, said today the main problem facing Europe's biggest takeover was resistance from US insurance industry regulators.

For the bid to go ahead, insurance regulators in nine US states must approve the sale of the BAT California-based farmers group insurance unit, and the delay which this process represents threatens the bid's success.

"We don't take any problem seriously except the farmers one," Goldsmith told a news conference at which he and his associates announced details of their complex, \$13.4 billion (\$21.7 billion) debt and equity offer for the tobacco, insurance, retail and paper group.

Hoylake Investments Ltd, the bid vehicle led by Goldsmith, British banker Jacob Rothschild and Australian businessman Kerry Packer, has 60 days in which to compete the unfriendly bid which BAT has rejected.

Share analysts agreed about the farmer group factor. "Everything hangs on the US," said Bruce Davidson at brokers Smith New Court.

Goldsmith outlined his approach to the farmers problem in his presentation today, arguing BAT had stagnated after diversifying away from its core tobacco business.

He said it now needed what he called "unbundling" — the sale of its non-core industries to focus on tobacco again.

**Bigest bid threatened**

## Dollar eases

ISLAMABAD, Aug 8, (KUNA): Oil has been struck near the southern Pakistan city of Hyderabad, it was officially stated here today.

Minister for Petroleum Jahanzeb Padar told a news conference here this morning that state-owned Oil and Gas Development Corporation had found oil at Pasash in the Hyderabad region.

According to him Pakistan's total oil production would now go up to about 58,000 BPD which was nearly half of country's requirements. He said national oil needs were to the order of about 125,000 barrels.



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## \$18 will be maintained: Subroto

### Oil demand could rise

TULSA, Oklahoma, Aug 8, (OPECNA): Dr Subroto said he today he thought OPEC's target price of \$18 a barrel would be maintained in the fourth quarter when demand for the organisation's crude could reach 22 million BPD.

Speaking at the 15th annual meeting of the national conference of state legislators, he predicted that world oil demand, excluding the centrally planned economies (CPEs), could rise to

### OPEC cuts banking debts

## Kuwait, Saudis largest suppliers of new funds

GENEVA, August 8, (KUNA):

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were amongst the largest suppliers of new funds in the international banking sector during the first quarter of 1989, according to the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Reviewing the flow of funds between the BIS reporting banks and groups of countries outside the reporting areas, a BIS report released today notes that OPEC countries reduced their banking debts by almost \$3 billion, while adding \$2.4 billion to their balances with the reporting banks.

Making an overall assessment, the BIS report notes that all sectors of the international financial markets recorded a very pronounced expansion during the first quarter this year.

The total international assets

of BIS reporting banks surged by nearly \$300 billion (at an annual rate of 24 per cent) as against the increase of only \$38 billion during the last quarter of 1988, the report noted.

The list of OPEC countries considered in the BIS review includes — in addition — Brunei, Oman, Trinidad and Tobago, and, for banks in the United States and their branches in Panama, Bahrain.

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The total international assets

### Looks 'do matter'

Pretty face pays off

PITTSBURGH, Aug 8, (AP): A pretty face pays off in the business world, where good-looking men and women make more money than less attractive ones, researchers said today.

"Looks do matter," said Irene Frieze, professor of psychology and business administration at the University of Pittsburgh.

A new study by the university's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business found handsome men get higher starting salaries, and both women and men who look good make more once hired.

The results differ from earlier research elsewhere that found being attractive doesn't pay off for women at work, Frieze said.

"Basic stereotypes about pretty people being better people really seem to operate in the business world," she said. "We certainly know they operate in the social setting."

Three graduate students and a management consultant examined photographs showing the heads and shoulders of 737 university of Pittsburgh MBA graduates wearing business attire, said Jo Olson, associate professor of business administration who co-wrote the study with Frieze.

The photographed graduates were surveyed about their starting and later salaries, and their photographs were rated on a scale of 1 to 5 for facial attractiveness.

### WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug 8, (Reuter): Wall Street gains spurred demand for blue chip shares. The All Ordinaries index gained 19 points to 1,699.

TOKYO: Summer doldrums kept turnover low but the Nikkei index gained 129.1 points to 34,759.48.

HONG KONG: The Hang Seng index gained 44.17 on the back of Wall Street to top a psychological barrier at 2,600 and close at 2,607.94.

SINGAPORE: Singapore shares were boosted by Wall Street's rally. The Straits Times index gained 10.02 points to 1,361.76.

BOMBAY: Prices fell on nervous selling after trading on the Calcutta Stock Exchange was suspended following a payments default.

It closed in London at 1,890.4 West German marks and 139.10 Japanese yen after 1,904.5 and 139.45 on Monday.

Gold was hardly changed in London, finishing at \$365.53 an ounce.

No, say many investment strategists.

First, investors are paying much less for a company's earning power than they were two years ago. Price-earnings ratios of stocks on the Dow Jones industrial average are only about half of what they were at the market's peak in 1987, one analyst said.

Dividends are also up.

In 1987, the dollar was faltering, and the Federal Reserve, seeking to prop it up, was raising interest rates.

## Wall Street stocks on brink of record

NEW YORK, Aug 8, (Reuter): Wall Street's main stock index is on the brink of shooting through a record set just before the market crashed spectacularly two years ago but strategists see few signs of a replay of the events of October 1987.

The Dow Jones' industrial average set a post-crash high on Monday, soaring to close only a few points below the record level of 2,722.22 set on August 25, 1987.

The average's 41.54-point gain on Monday to 2,694.99 followed several important stock market indices setting records the same day, raising expectations that share prices would head even higher.

Market participants believe the Dow will soon recover the last bit of territory it lost in the 1987 crash.

"The Dow will go over 2,700, testing that level," said Hugh Johnson of First Albany Corp. "Then there will be a new assault on 2,722, which a lot of folks will watch closely."

If in the next several days the Dow breezes through 2,722, "a lot of forecasters will jump on board," Johnson said. "It could turn into a real celebration on Wall Street."

But if the market is repeating its August

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

INCHCAPE	291.0
JAGUAR	398.6
KINGFISHER	366.0
LADBROKE	329.0
LAND SEC'S	603.0
NAME LAST	LAPORTE 492.0
ABBEY NAT	144.0
ADT LTD	204.0
ALD LYONS	520.0
ANSTRAD	67.0
ARGYL GP	241.0
ASDA GP	201.0
BAA	373.0
BTR	434.0
BAT IND'S	843.0
BARCLAYS	517.0
BASS	079.0
BEAVER	183.0
BERSFORD	159.0
BET ORD	308.0
BICC PLC	550.0
BLUE ARR	109.0
BLUE CIRC	272.0
BOC GP	525.0
BOOTS CO	300.0
BPP IND'S	254.0
BR COMM	184.0
BR AIRWAY	202.0
BR AEROSP	710.0
BR GAS RG	208.0
BR LAND	383.0
B.P.	298.0
BR STEEL	76.0
BR TELCOM	256.0
BUNZL	152.0
BURNHOL OL	636.0
BURTON	260.0
CABLESWIR	533.0
CADBURY'S	437.0
CALOR GRP	425.0
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ALLD COLL	170.0 171.0
AMEC	458.0 460.0
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## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## International Bond Highlights

ZURICH: Japan's Hokkaido Bank Ltd is issuing 200 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and with a put option; lead manager Swiss Banc Corp said: The bond is priced at par and matures on Sept 30, 1993. The put option on Sept 30, 1991 is indicated at 107-3/4 pct to give a premium of 4.072 pct.

London: Electricite de France is issuing a further 50 mln dlrs of tranches of its March 8, 1990 Eurobond which will carry a coupon of 10-1/2 pct and is priced at 106-5/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd said. The tranche brings to 550 mln dlrs the total amount outstanding.

Zurich: Merrill Lynch International Co. is issuing 150,000 covered warrants for registered shares of Nestle SA, lead manager Merrill Lynch Capital markets AG said. Each warrant costs 118 francs. Ten warrants can be exercised into one share at a price of 8,700 francs between Sept 6, 1989 and March 6, 1991.

Tokyo: Japanese investors should show moderate demand for US treasury notes today and Wednesday due to stable yen-dollar rates and attractive yields, bond managers said. They may buy 25 pct to 35 pct of the 10 billion dlrs of three-year notes today and the \$7.75 billion of 10-year paper on Wednesday.

Paris: The French treasury said it will offer 12 billion francs of bills at its next tender on Wednesday Aug 16. The treasury will offer six billion francs of 13-week bills, plus three billion each of 26-week and 52-week bills.

## BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GMC	30.30	30.25	NAT. ORG	--	--	38.50
ACC	264	259	246.50	GRASIM	109.25	108	110.50	NIPPON	40	39
ALEM CHEM	--	--	--	GSPC	160	158.75	158.75	NOCL	950	950
ALR WLS	--	--	--	GUJ. ALKL	68	67.50	70	OKRAY	14.25	13.75
ARI FAB	--	--	--	GUJ. HEAVY	10.50	9.50	10.50	OSVAL AGRO	71	70
ASOKU LEY	65	60	65	HERO HONDA	19	18	19	PEICO	18.50	18
ATLAS PAINT	192.50	192.50	192.50	HIND CIBA	790	800	795	PFIZER	61	58
ATLAS COP	33	32.50	34	HIND COCOA	110.50	109	110	PONDS	158	153.75
AUTOM CORP	63	64	68	HIND LEVER	91.50	91	91.50	PREM AUTO	52	51.50
BAJAJ AUTO	318.75	318.75	318.75	HIND MOTOR	30.25	30.50	28.50	RAMBAXY	75	72.50
BAK RAYON	525	525	525.50	HINDALCO	252.75	258.75	251.25	RAY MOUL	84	83
BK BOND	79	76	78	HODCIST	730	720	730	RECKITT	175	170
BLOU PLAST	--	--	--	IND. ORG	37.50	37	37	RELIANCE	115	111.50
BOM DYE	118.50	118.50	117	IND. RATON	77	77	77.50	SESA GOA	36	38
BSE INDEX	719.61	715.75	715.75	INDROL	263.75	262.50	257.50	SHAW WALL	--	--
BORN WEL	187.50	182.50	185	INGERSOLL	385	382.50	387.50	SRIREE CEN	--	--
CANSHARE	--	--	--	ITC	109	108	108	SRI. FIB	76	72
CEN ENKA	2715	2725	2750	JK SYN	74	73	73	SIEMENS	67	67
CEN SPG	1945	1945	1930	KIM ENGG	137.50	137.50	135.50	SIF	1170	1140
COLGATE	305	306.5	301.25	KIR CUMI	61.25	59	62.25	SPIC	43	43.50
CRONI GR	1310	--	--	KIRI PUMPS	370	360	370	ST. MILLS	327.50	322.5
DCH	11.50	10	11	L-AND-T	110.50	109.50	110	TATA CREW	115	115
DEEP FERT	28	28	28.25	LIPTON	66	68	66	TATA OIL	70	67.50
DUNLAP	58	76	78	MAC RUSSEL	106.25	106.25	105	TATA POW	337.50	330
EI HOTELS	66	56	66	MAD COATS	100	100	100	TELCD	996.25	992.50
ESCORTS	66.50	65.50	66	MAHINDRA	88	88.50	88	THAPP AGRO	--	--
ESKAYE	113.75	112.50	112.50	MAS SHARE	15.25	15.25	15.50	TISCO	1266	1257
ESSAR SPG	25.50	25.50	25.50	MICO	600	590	595	VAN. ORG	152.50	153
FOOD SPL	158	157.50	156.25	MILKFOLD	190	190	190	VARELI	21.75	21.25
FORCES	48	46.25	46.25	MODI	83.75	83	80	VOLTAS	850	825
GAR POLY	66.50	66.50	66.50	MRF LTD	352.50	352.75	350.25	WINCO	15.50	16
GE SHIPPING	38.55	38	38.50	MUK IRON	123	124	123	ZENITH	52	51
GLINDIA	84	84	83.50	NAT. INDEX	369.20	367.28	ZUARI AGRO	69	68	70

## TOP 1000 LISTED

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE
AEG	219.5
ALLIANT, VR	218.25
BADENWERK	227.0
BAASF	300.2
BAFER WYP	318.0
BAFER VER	395.0
BBF	480
BHN	603.5
BOERZERK	252.0
CONTI GUMM	326.5
DAIMER BEN	821.5
DEUTSC BNK	682.7
DLW	542.0
DRESDEN B	367.3
DT BRDLOCK	205.5
FAZ INDEX	50.48
FELDNUEL	392.5
GOLDSCHIRD	429.8
HARPERN	454.0
HOECHST AG	304.1
HOESCH	240.0
HORTEN	284.0
HUSSEL KLD	654.0
KALI SALZ	218.0
KARSTADT	604.0
KAUFHOF	510.0
KLOECK H	195.8
LINDE	160.0
LUFTRANSA	79.5
KAN	354.0
MANNESMAN	268.0
MERDES	657.0
METALLGES	486.5
NIXDORF PF	369.5
NORSK HYD	35.60
PHILIP KOM	572.0
POESCHE	806.5
PREUSSAG	292.8
PUM	312.5
RHEINMETAL	410.0
RHE	334.5
RWE P	277.2
SALAMANDER	580.0
SCHERING	765.0
SEL	367.0
SIEMENS	618.5
THYSSEN	232.2
VARTA	383.0
VEBA	334.5
VEW	201.5
VOVSKAGEN	449.0

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE
BANK EA	14.70
CATHAY	8.50
CAVENISH	297
CHENG K	8.25
CHINA L-P	12.00
DAIRY FARM	745
EVERGO IND	2.25
GT EAGLE	0
H S. INDEX	563.77
HAECO	20
HANG LUNG	4.95
HENDERSON	5.40
HK BANK	5.45
HK ELEC	7.80
HK GAS	17.20
HK LAND	8.25
HK TELECOM	4.87
HK-S HOTEL	5.10
HOPEMILL	2.62
HS BANK	20.70
HUTCHINSON	8.50
HYSAM DEV	1.36
JAR MATH	20.30
JSH	11.80
KH BUS	7.40
LAI SUN	135
MANDARIN O	0
MTRAMAR	6.00
NEW WORLD	10.30
PAUL Y CON	.96
SIK PROP	11.10
STELUX	2.22
SWIRE A	16.00
TAI CHEUNG	3.97
TV-B	.95
WHALE	9.00
WNSR	8.80
WORLD INTL	3.82

INFLATION APR MAY JUN JUL

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	+0.7 PCT	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	8/18
PRODUCER PRICES	+0.4 PCT	+0.9 PCT	-0.1 PCT	8/11
HSB TRADE	-8.26 BLN	-10.24 BLN	8/17	

2ND QTR 3RD QTR 4TH QTR 1ST QTR 2ND QTR

C/BAL OF PAYMENT	-30.15 BLN	-29.17 BLN	-32.02 BLN	-27.65 BLN	
(8/21)					
3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR		
+2.5 PCT	+2.4 PCT	+3.7 PCT	+1.7 PCT		
GDP (1ST REV. 8/29)					
GDP DEFATOR	+5.3 PCT	+4.2 PCT	+4.0 PCT	+4.9 PCT	

APR MAY JUN JUL

LEADING IND	-0.6 PCT	-1.3 PCT	-0.1 PCT	9/1
PERSONAL INC	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	+0.3 PCT	8/30
UNEMPLOYMENT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT
HOUSING STARTS	+1,339 MLN	+1,311 MLN	+1,400 MLN	8/16
IND PRODUCTION	+0.6 PCT	+0.1 PCT	-0.2 PCT	8/16
RETAIL SALES	+1.0 PCT	+0.1 PCT	-0.4 PCT	8/11
CONSUMER CREDIT	+2.49 BLN	+3.60 BLN	8/8	
INVENTORIES	+0.8 PCT	+0.7 PCT	-0.8 PCT	8/14
DURABLE GOODS	+3.2 PCT	+4.4 PCT	-0.3 PCT	8/22

TRADE BALANCES - BILLIONS LOCAL CURRENCY

PROVISIONAL	LATEST MONTH	PREV. MONTH	YEAR AGO
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## BUSINESS

### Detroit company to build US plant

DETROIT, Aug 8. (Reuter): Australia's Orbital Engine Co yesterday announced plans to build a \$250 million plant in Michigan to produce a new lightweight, fuel-saving two-stroke engine to power small cars and motorboats.

Analysts said the engine, which is set to show up first on autos built overseas, may power American cars in the mid-1990s if US automakers adopt the technology.

Orbital said the new engine has significantly higher fuel economy and lower emissions than conventional engines. Orbital chairman Ralph Sarich, a maverick millionaire inventor, said the company will convert a closed General Motors Corp plant in tiny Raisin township, about 50 miles (80 km) south of Detroit, to build the Orbital Combustion Process (OCP) engine.

The plant will employ 700 workers when it opens in 1992 at the site near Tecumseh, Michigan. It will first produce marine engines and in 1993 will produce engines for small cars.

"To launch a new technology isn't easy. There is a lot of entrenched conservatism that you have to overcome," said Sarich, who has been working on the engine for the past seven years.

The OCP engine is a three-cylinder, two-stroke engine that analysts said could be a significant development for the world auto industry. Its inventors say it weighs half as much as a conventional engine and provides 50 per cent more fuel economy while emitting fewer pollutants.

Sarich said the engine's carbon dioxide emissions, which contribute most heavily to the "greenhouse effect," would be reduced by 30 per cent, while nitrogen oxide emissions would be cut by 80 per cent and carbon monoxide emissions by 90 per cent.

He said the engine's pollution levels would allow it to meet any world emissions standards, including those in President George Bush's new clean air act proposals. Concerns about pollution were said to have hindered development of two-stroke engines in the past.

### Maputo unable to pay back debt

MAPUTO, Aug 8. (Reuter): Mozambique, struggling to rebuild a war-shattered economy, says it cannot pay back its foreign debt of \$4 billion and wants more Western creditors to write off chunks of it or agree to easier payment terms.

"We have been trying to convince creditor nations that Mozambique cannot pay the debt," Bank of Mozambique Governor Eneas Comiche told Reuters in an interview.

Mozambique's foreign debt totalled \$4.2 billion at the end of 1988.

The Paris Club of Western creditor governments agreed in June 1987 to reschedule part of the debt. Mozambique has since made bilateral agreements with seven Paris Club nations to write off debt or grant concessionary interest rates, Comiche said.

Mozambique says it cannot pay commercial rates and is asking creditors to accept interest at around two per cent.

Comiche said more help was needed to lighten the debt to allow the government to concentrate on developing the economy.

"What we are asking for is that the example shown by those nations which forgave debts or made concessions should be followed by others," he said. Individual agreements remained to be made with seven other Paris Club creditors before fresh rescheduling negotiations could begin.

Mozambique's exports in 1988 totalled a meagre \$98.3 million against imports of \$764 million and it has a ratio of debt servicing to exports of around 240 per cent, one of the highest in the world among low-income debtor nations.

Comiche said the government was trying to reduce this to a 50 percent ratio through rescheduling.

The main cause of Mozambique's debt problem, he said, was the guerrilla war waged by South African-backed rebels that had cost the nation \$15 billion over the last decade in damage to the economy and lost revenue.

### Poverty greatest threat to world peace, stability: study

VIENNA, Aug 8. (OPECNA): Poverty is the greatest threat to world peace and stability which together can provide a basis for sustained development, according to OPEC's latest monthly "Buletin" issued here today.

In an editorial commenting on the launching of the United Nations Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), it says that as long as half the world "wallows in debt" and the other half in wealth, "then peace, the desire of all mankind, will continue to long overdue."

It urges the rich countries to "act fast" in bringing about much-needed change. Better commodity prices were a necessary

condition for easing the debt crisis. OPEC had provided "living proof" that developing nations could act together to improve their terms of trade and ultimately obtain a better deal from the world's more prosperous nations.

The organisation's very existence had acted "as a beacon" for institutions and bodies like the common fund, which had taken 14 years to become a reality and was "long overdue."

As the world's leading association of commodity producers, OPEC welcomed its formation. The OPEC fund for International Development had pledged a sub-

stantial amount of start-up finance to the institution by agreeing to pay the subscriptions of the world's 35 poorest countries.

The editorial stresses: "Let there be no illusions, any child of the new international economic order will need all the help it can get from its friendly uncles, for the world into which it has been born is a changed one, where the climate of opinion towards North-South co-operation has cooled considerably since the mid-70s."

Its arrival had come when hopes for the reform of a manifestly unfair commodity trading system had largely withered. False signals from the markets had continued to

cause the familiar "glut-and-famine cycles," while the "burgeoning debt crisis" had worsened the economic plight of not only the poorest nations, but also many which were considered to be moving away from the poverty trap.

Even some OPEC member countries, which were on the fringe of economic and industrial breakthrough due to their oil resources, had not been exempt from this trend.

"It has taken 14 years for the common fund to become a reality. Hopefully, it will not take another 14 before it can begin to show some positive results," it concludes.

### Cairo holds talks with World Bank

## Egypt seeks loan

CAIRO, Aug 8. (Agencies): Egypt has begun talks with the World Bank on its appeal for funds to help to ease its balance of payments problems, government sources said today.

Local newspapers said Egypt was seeking a loan of \$300 million to help to cope with its balance of payments deficit, estimated at about \$2 billion a year. In theory, it could be eligible for a much bigger loan.

The sources said a delegation from the World Bank would hold several days of talks with Egyptian officials. They gave no further details.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have linked fresh monetary assis-

tance to Egypt's progress in reforming its debt-ridden economy.

Economic experts said some measures taken by Cairo, including a pledge to cut its budget deficit, appeared to have met many IMF and World Bank demands.

Egypt last month raised a special customs rate for the dollar to realistic market levels, in an apparent bid to win IMF approval.

But the decision, announced by Finance Minister Mohamed Al Razzaq, was coupled with a cut of up to 35 per cent in customs duties which in effect cancels out the effect on customs payers.

Newspapers said the former customs rate of 1.89 pounds to the dollar will now be set according to the monthly average of the official free market exchange rate, set daily by a pricing committee.

The move is apparently aimed at enhancing Egypt's prospects for an IMF accord which would pave the way for rescheduling \$4 billion of its \$50-billion foreign debt.

It is also trying to persuade the United States that it is serious in its reform efforts. The United States is withholding about \$230 million in cash transfers over two years.

The IMF has repeatedly called on Egypt to unify its multiple

exchange rate system. Egypt also has a government rate of £0.70 to the dollar for internal accounting and tallying commodity import prices.

The IMF has demanded that Egypt cut its budget deficit and encourage investment. Egypt has vowed to cut the deficit but said that reforms must be implemented gradually.

Officially the deficit is to be cut to \$4.9 billion (\$1.9 billion) this year from £7.2 billion (\$2.8 billion) last year. Real figures are thought to be higher.

The government also passed a law last month to boost private sector investment by simplifying bureaucracy and improving tax breaks for new projects.

They said the dinar was trading at \$1.8 to the dollar, unchanged since Sunday but up from Saturday's widely quoted rate of \$800 million.

The Central Bank fixed the official rate at \$83, unchanged from Saturday.

The Central Bank started selling dollars to the banks on Sunday in an effort to stabilise the Jordanian currency at \$15.60/£20 fols to the dollar and curb a mushrooming black market, where the dinar was trading for 860 fils today.

It began selling some of the \$16.5 million it had earmarked for banks at \$15 fols and told them to sell the dollars to their customers at no more than \$20.

It also began providing another \$10 million to the banks who have been told to sell them at the official rate to finance imports of some medicines, fees of Jordanian students studying abroad and subsidised food stuffs.

The move came just days after Jordan had received \$200 million in aid from Saudi Arabia.

A week ago, the Central Bank established a two-tier system to curb the black market and encourage Jordanian expatriates to send their dollars home through the banking system.

It freed banks to trade foreign currency at market rates but instructed them to use the official rate to finance key imports.

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It added: "It is necessary for Japan to create a new economic framework by adapting its economic structure to the ongoing globalisation of its economy." The report said Japan should play a key role in various fields in the international arena and tackle such issues as environmental problems.

The report emphasised the importance for Japan to increase imports to correct its trade imbalance without stalling world economic growth.

Japan's commitment to domestic demand-led economic growth is important to boost imports, it said.

The report attributed the low living standards mainly to the spiral of land prices.

### Move to help boost economy

## PLO to transfer fund to Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan, Aug 8. (AP): The Palestine Liberation Organization will transfer a fund headquarters to Jordan to help boost Jordan's troubled economy, a senior PLO official said today.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was due to visit Jordan next week to inaugurate the Palestine National Fund's new headquarters.

The official Jordan news agency, Petra, reported today that the Jordanian government agreed to the PLO decision to transfer the fund headquarters to Amman.

The fund, which functions as the treasury of Fatah, the leading faction in the PLO, was based in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates after it moved from Amman in 1986.

Relations between the PLO and Jordan soured after King Hussein closed most PLO offices in the kingdom when Arafat refused to sign joint Jordanian-Palestinian co-ordination policy, known as the Oslo February Agreement.

But relations improved after King Hussein's July 1988 decision to renounce sovereignty over the once Jordanian-ruled West Bank in favour of the PLO.

"The fund will help boost the Jordanian economy since large amounts of PLO money will be pumped in Jordanian banks," the PLO official told the Associated Press.

The official refused to disclose the fund's capital, but said the money will be deposited with the Arab Bank, privately owned by Abu Hamid Shoman, a distinguished Palestinian banker, and will benefit finance various Palestinian projects in Jordan and the occupied territories.

Jordan was granted a \$200-million donation from Saudi Arabia and an interest-free loan of \$1 billion in the form of a credit account deposited with the Central Bank of Jordan to help the country tackle \$3.3 billion foreign debt.

Financial officials have recently hinted that more Arab aid was on the way to Jordan, but gave no details.

## Japan's business boom to continue

### Land prices jump

TOKYO, Aug 8. (Reuter): Japan acknowledged today its huge trade surplus is unlikely to shrink much, if at all, but said the United States must share the blame.

"The basic trend is for exports to strengthen and for imports to increase, with the current-account surplus staying more or less the same," the Japanese government said in its annual economic White Paper.

The government has forecast that the current-account surplus, which measures trade in goods and services, will narrow to \$71 billion in the year ending next March 31, from \$7.3 billion in 1988-89.

The White Paper, which was endorsed by the cabinet today, said Japanese exports were rising because demand for them worldwide remained strong.

"There are limits to the ability of Japan to solve the world imbalances by itself alone and the curbing of America's domestic demand is extremely important in reaching a solution," it said.

Japan warned that the United States could not rely on interest rate policy alone to manage its economy and repeated its call for a reduction in America's budget deficit.

"Reductions in the fiscal deficit are indispensable," the White Paper said.

Japan last year ran a \$34 billion trade surplus with the United States.

The White Paper also paints a rosy picture of Japan's domestic economy. Prices are stable and the current economic upswing, already more than 30 months old, looks set to continue.

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Oilfields hit by theft

HONG KONG, Aug 8. (Reuter): China's oil production is being seriously hit by theft of vital equipment that has caused fires, blowouts and large-scale electricity cuts in major fields, the China News Service said today.

The country's six major oilfields suffered material losses worth over \$160 in 1988, the semi-official news agency said.

CNS monitored here said there were a total of 2,100 cases of stealing, ransacking and sabotage reported in Daqing, Shengli, Zhongyuan, Huabei, Daigang and Henan oilfields last year.

Another 850 cases were reported in the first quarter of this year and the number was increasing, the report said.

It said thieves were organising themselves into groups to co-ordinate piping.

Such theft is increasing as robbery becomes a major problem in China.

### SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

#### SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 08/08/1988

B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Rashidah	Gh & Q	4347815
4	Marulic	Aigh Barwil	4842988
5	Nikolay Shchukin	Al Rashed	2422026
6	Arafat	KSA	4843150
8	Arctic Universal	GHA&Q	4347815
9	Sparkle Sun	Gh & Q	4347815
11	Zarka	Gh&Q	4347815
14	New Topaz	Salimiya	4745471
20	Roman Reefer	Gh&Q	4347815

#### SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.



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## SPORTS

# Danielen route to Hall of Fame

BETHESDA, Maryland, Aug. 8. (AP): Beth Daniel is halfway to the LPGA Hall of Fame after ending the longest victory drought of her career.

Daniel was the Tour's Rookie of the Year in 1979 and the Player of the Year in 1980. She won 14 events in her first six seasons, and then went four years without a victory.

She finally ended the losing streak yesterday, winning the Greater Washington Open by four strokes after paring all 18 holes in the final round of the 54-hole tournament.

Daniel needs 15 more titles, including two different major championships, to get into the LPGA Hall of Fame.

"If it takes me four years to win again, then I'll be 90 and I'll still be trying," she joked.

Actually, no one expects Daniel to have to wait another four years for her next victory.

"I had been in position to win golf tournaments, but things either didn't go my way or I didn't make them happen when I needed to," she said.

Sherrill Turner, runner-up at the Greater Washin-

ton Open, said Daniel's victory there should give her "the confidence she needs to win. She just had to get this one out of the way."

Even through her dry spell, Daniel built a reputation as one of the tour's more consistent players. The triumph moved her career-best earnings this year to \$339,351, No. 3 on the money list.

Daniel has finished in the top 10 in 15 of the 30 events she has played in this year. She has placed second four times and in the top five on 11 occasions.

# Cubs thrash Expos

## Viola prospers after changing Leagues

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (AP): Chicago took sole possession of first place in the National League East last night as Mark Grace and Ryne Sandberg each hit two-run homers, leading the Cubs over the slumping Montreal Expos 5-2 at Wrigley Field.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Expos, who dropped out of the top spot for the first time since June 25. Montreal had not lost five in a row since dropping five straight, May 15-20.

Greg Maddux, 13-8, gained his 12th victory in his last 15 starts, pitching a seven-hitter for his fifth complete game.

The victory also gave the Cubs a five-game lead over the fourth-place New York Mets, who lost to Philadelphia. Third-place St. Louis, trails by four.

"Feels good," manager Don Zimmer said. "But we've been there before this year."

Cardinals 4, Pirates 0

Ted Power, released by Detroit in spring training, allowed four hits in eight-plus innings and singled home a run to lead St. Louis past Pittsburgh.

Vince Coleman and Ozzie Smith, each singled and stole second to ignite a two-run first inning against rookie Rich Red, 0-1, who allowed four runs and six hits in the first two innings.

Braves 1, Dodgers 0

Tom Glavine pitched a four-hitter for his fourth victory against Los Angeles this season, including two shutouts, and Jeff Blauser homered, leading Atlanta past the Dodgers. It was the 13th time the Dodgers were shut out this season, compared to 10 last year.

Peds 10, Giants 2

Ron Oester singled twice in an inning for the second time in five days, when Cincinnati scored

seven runs in the fifth inning against the San Francisco Giants, whose starting rotation was hit with another freak injury.

Right-hander Scott Garrels, the National League earned-run average leader at 2.42, was injured swinging a bat in batting practice and was scratched from his scheduled start against the Reds. Jeff Brantley, who was the 14th different Giants pitcher to start a game this season, replaced Garrels and lost for the first time in seven decisions.

Padres 5, Astros 2

Chris James had three hits and drove in two runs and Bruce Hurst pitched a five-hitter for his seventh complete game as San

Diego beat Houston, sending the Astros to their fifth loss in six games.

After the New York Mets completed a three-game sweep of Montreal, Frank Viola stood at his locker looking as if he just pitched both ends of a double-header.

Viola wasn't tired for throwing, he was just weary from watching.

The newest Met watched his baseball team battle Montreal for 14 innings on Sunday before Kevin McReynolds gave New York a 2-1 victory with a home run.

"I've seen more bunting in the last five days than I saw in eight seasons with the Twins," Viola said.

Welcome to the National League, Frank.

Viola saw four sacrifice bunts on Sunday and several more attempts that didn't quite work.

He also saw 10 pitchers in the game and seven different names listed as the Mets' leadoff batter. For the Expos, the third slot was rather crowded, featuring eight names.

"I love it," Viola said. "This was the brand of baseball I was brought up on."

Viola grew up on Long Island, only a few miles (kilometres) from Shea stadium, and his father took him to about 10 Mets games a year.

A Cy Young Award winner for the Minnesota Twins last year with a 24-7 record, Viola is now learning a new League after being acquired by the Mets last week.

"I've seen some of the guys in spring training, and a few played in the American League," Viola said. "But for a while, I'll let my catchers 'let me know' what's

going on."

On Saturday night, Viola watched left-hander Mark Langston continue his education in the National League.

Langston won three strikeout titles with Seattle, a team in the American League. But National League batters aren't seeing his fastball or curve any better since he was traded to the Expos in May.

In 14 starts for Montreal, Langston is 9-3 with 113 strikeouts in 109 2-3 innings and a 1.97 earned-run average.

"I don't think you can change what has made you successful," Langston said. "You do have to get a book on new hitters and how the umpire's strike zone differs. The pitcher might have a slight advantage at first, but it all even out."

A change of Leagues may have saved the career of Montreal's Dennis Martinez, who is 12-1 and has won 11 straight.

Baltimore thought Martinez was through and traded him to Montreal in 1986 for two Minor Leaguers. The 33-year-old right-hander was 11-4 in 1987 and 15-13 last season with a 2.72 ERA, the best of his career.

"The hitters over here didn't know me at first," Martinez said. "Changing Leagues didn't hurt me."

Results

American League	
Toronto	2
New York	9
Minnesota	4
(1st) Detroit	5
(2nd) Milwaukee	3
Kansas City	6
Seattle	5
National League	
Philadelphia	2
St. Louis	4
Chicago	5
San Diego	10
Cincinnati	1
Atlanta	0
Los Angeles	

Ozzie Smith (in the air) single

## Rose seeks protection for career

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 8. (Reuters): Embattled Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose yesterday sought further court protection from disciplinary action while he contests an inquiry into allegations that he gambled illegally on baseball games.

Lawyers for Rose filed a motion in a federal court to bar any action against the former baseball star until his suit against Major League baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti has been decided.

Judge John Holschuh has scheduled a hearing for August 14 on Rose's suit which accuses Giamatti of prejudging the charges against him. The judge has extended until then a temporary restraining order granted by a state court that prohibits baseball authorities from taking action against Rose.

Rose lost one round in the battle last week when Holschuh ordered the case to be heard in a federal rather than a state court. Federal courts have traditionally supported the right of Major League baseball to supervise its own affairs.

Giamatti has held a lengthy investigation into allegations that Rose, who holds the Major League record for most hits in a career, engaged in illegal gambling. Rose could be banned from baseball for life if the commissioner determines that he bet on games involving his own team.

## Couples and Azinger on Cup squad

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla., Aug. 8. (Reuters): Paul Azinger and Fred Couples have clinched berths on the US Ryder Cup team to play Europe in September, the Professional Golfers' Association of America reported.

With just one tournament — this week's PGA Championship — left for Americans to qualify for the team to play Europe next month, half of the 12-man squad has now been determined.

British Open champion Cal. Cavieccia, US Open winner Curtis Strange, 1989 leading money-winner Tom Kite and Chip Beck have earned places on the team which will try to regain the trophy at the Belfry in central England from September 22 to 24.

## Failure normal: Watson

HAWTHORN WOODS, Illinois, Aug. 8. (AP): Tears streamed down Leonard Thompson's face after he won his first tournament in 12 years at last month's Buick Open.

Thompson played more than 300 tournaments without winning after his victory at the Pensacola Open in 1977. That was what Tom Watson had in mind when he said "golf is a game of failures."

"It isn't like any other sport," Watson said. "You fail so much more often than you succeed."

"Take baseball: The worst team in the Major Leagues wins more than 30 percent of its game. Or look at tennis. The leading players in tennis win a very high percentage of their matches, very high."

Watson, 39, speaks from experience.

Once the best golfer in the world, the six-time player of the year and five-time British Open champion has won only once in the last five years.

However, as he prepares for the upcoming PGA championship at Kemper Lakes Golf Club, Watson is ready to win again.

"For the first time in a long, long time I feel I'm in control of my game again," he said. "It's a very good feeling, a welcome feeling, a winning feeling. I wouldn't be surprised if some good things happen for Tom Watson

this week."

Those feelings are based on his performance at last month's British Open. Watson finished fourth.

"I gave myself a chance to win," he said. "I didn't do it, but I had the chance. If I keep giving myself chances, I'll win."

In addition to his British Open titles, Watson has won two Masters and the 1982 US Open. If he wins the PGA, he will become only the fifth man to capture golf's four biggest titles.

Only Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus have won the Masters, US and British Opens and the PGA.

"That's pretty good company," Watson said. "I'd like to join them."

## Muller stuns Rostagno in opener

### Matuszewski eliminates Cannon

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8. (UPI): Gary Muller of South Africa continued the hottest week in his four-year pro tennis career by eliminating ninth-seeded Derrick Rostagno 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) in a first-round match yesterday at the US Men's Hardcourt Tennis Championships.

Muller won his first tour title in two years when he and his countryman Neil Broad won the doubles championship at the Sovran Classic in Washington last week. On Sunday, Muller won a motorcycle at a golf tournament for hardcourt players.

I wanted that bike so bad," Muller said. "As a kid, you always wanted a motorcycle but your mom wouldn't let you have one. I guess now I'm old enough to have one. It's awesome."

Conquering Rostagno was another achievement for Muller, who called Rostagno one of his most difficult tour rivals.

He's not a good guy for me to play because you don't know where he's hitting the ball," Muller said. "He's difficult for me. I lost the last three times I played him."

Muller won five of the last six points in the tiebreaker, serving an ace to take a 4-2 lead and another to conclude the match.

"I started serving better as the match went on," Muller said. "The ball felt lighter. It was going through the air better."

Rostagno, the highest seed in action on the opening day of the set.

"I felt in control," Rostagno

while serving with the match tied 2-2 in the first set. Muller broke Rostagno's serve on his way to taking four of the last five games in the set.

Rostagno, the highest seed in action on the opening day of the set.

"I felt in control," Rostagno

said. "Then I had a few unlucky breaks with the linesmen and my serve was broken by bad chance. He gained a little confidence and I got a little tired. I had to fight back the whole match. The first

set (loss) was entirely the officiating."

Muller, 25, made his best showing this year at the Queen's tournament in London, reaching the quarterfinals of the Wimbledon tuneup. His first quarterfinal berth in a tour event was in Indianapolis in 1987 when he eliminated defending champion Andres Gomez from the US Clay Court Championships.

Three other seeds won opening matches yesterday. Tenth-seeded Richard Matuszewski eliminated Shelby Cannon 6-3, 6-0, while No. 15 seed Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands defeated Argentina's Javier Frana, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-3, and No. 14 seed Glenn Layendecker edged Brod 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

In the top match involving unseeded players, Italy's Diego Nargiso defeated Tommy Ho 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. Nargiso rallied in the second set and led 5-2 in the deciding set before Ho responded. After winning on his serve, Ho broke Nargiso's and held his serve on eight consecutive points to tie the final set at 5-5. Nargiso held serve and broke Ho to win the match.

"After the second set, I was feeling confident that I could win," Nargiso said. "A 5-3 in the last set I was very confident. I went out and just thought about getting the serve in. He returned very well. I was scared but I kept playing. That was a really strange game. I missed four balls in a row. That brought me back."

"I'm satisfied with the way I played today, but I'm looking forward to Tuesday's match (against West Germany's Claudia Porwick)."

Fendick, who missed two months this year with a shoulder injury,



Soccer friendly

Pepe (right) of AEK Athens tries to stop Hasan of Galatasaray (Turkey) during first half action of Monday evening's friendly soccer match at Athens' Olympic Stadium. AEK won 1-0. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Camel meets Fikes in comeback bid

GREAT FALLS, Montana, Aug. 8. (AP): Marvin Camel, a former two-time world cruiserweight boxing champion, is upbeat about his chances in a comeback bout here on Thursday.

Camel will step into the ring against Dennis Fikes of Las Vegas in an eight-round cruiserweight bout at the Four Seasons Arena.

"I think it's not going to be eight rounds and I'm not going to be the loser," Camel said in an interview published yesterday.

"I'm in shape," said the 38-year-old fighter who is literally running for his boxing life. He said he has not missed a day of running in 19 months.

"When I first started this one year, seven-month deal I wanted to break my own record," Camel told the Great Falls Tribune. "My own record was one year, three months and 26 days. I thought I would see how far I could go. If I quit now, I'll never do it again."

His fight is one of seven on a card that is highlighted by a world featherweight title matchup, along with the sixth professional bout for Great Falls boxer and former Olympian Todd Fossum.

# Small out of England side for fifth Test

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuter): Pace bowler Gladstone Small today pulled out of the England squad for the fifth cricket Test against Australia starting at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

The 27-year-old seamer's withdrawal with a side muscle injury dealt a further blow to England's chances of redeeming

their reputation in the disastrous Ashes series, in which Australia hold an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

"I first had the trouble four weeks ago, but thought it was all right until I felt it again when bowling last night. It's very disappointing. It's been the story of my Test career," he said.

Small, who has appeared in five Tests in an injury-plagued career, was recalled after several pace bowlers ruled themselves out by announcing they would join a rebel tour of South Africa next year.

Small will be replaced by Northamptonshire fast bowler Greg Thomas, who has played in five Tests, four on England's tour

to the West Indies in 1985-86 and one at home against New Zealand at Trent Bridge in 1986.

Genuinely fast, Thomas has suffered from problems of consistency and control, although he has benefited greatly from coaching by Dennis Lillee at Northampton, passing 50 first-class wickets this season.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Nehru Cup

NEW DELHI, Aug 8. (Reuter): World champions Australia and the formidable West Indies have rejected invitations to India's Nehru Cup one-day cricket tournament, organising committee head Jagmohan Dalmiya said today. Only England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka had confirmed that they would join hosts India for the limited overs tournament from October 26 to November 12, Dalmiya said. Organisers of the tournament, which marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, also fear that Sri Lanka might withdraw at the last minute.

### Yugoslav player

LOS ANGELES, Aug 8. (Reuter): The Los Angeles Lakers announced yesterday they had signed Vlad Divac, a 7-foot (2.13 metre) centre with the Yugoslav national basketball team, to a multi-year contract. Divac, 21, was the top choice of the Lakers in the National Basketball Association draft. The terms of the contract were not announced.

### Olympic golf

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuter): Golf, last staged as part of the Olympic in 1908, could make a comeback at Barcelona. The newly-formed World Golf Association (WGA) has applied for exhibition sport status at the 1992 Games.

### Top award

ROTTERDAM, Aug 8. (UPI): Gerard Vaneberg, recently signed for life by Dutch Soccer League champion PSV Eindhoven, was to receive the Player of the Year award this evening at a gala marking the 100th anniversary of the Dutch Soccer Federation. Vaneberg, one of the most coveted players in the Dutch League, earlier turned down an offer from Italy's AS Roma to stay with PSV.

### Dutch soccer

ROTTERDAM, Aug. 8. (UPI): Three soccer fan and civil rights organisations have gone to court trying to prevent the institution of a new security pass that spectators will need to get into Dutch League games. The security pass, produced by the Dutch Soccer Federation with governmental support, is designed to identify rowdy soccer fans and prevent their entry into the team's away games.

### Liege's keeper

BRUSSELS, Aug 8. (UPI): Standard Liege's goalkeeper Gilbert Bodart, one of the most sought-after soccer players in the Belgian League, is up for a transfer, a Belgian newspaper said today. Bodart was quoted in Het Laatste Nieuws as saying that the club was asking \$750,000 for him and that he would leave when his contract runs out at the end of the year.

### E. German team

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 8. (UPI): Kristin Otto, winner of six gold medals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, is among eight Olympic medalists included in the 36-strong East German team for the European Swimming Championships in Bonn, Aug. 12-20.

### Britons pullout

LONDON, Aug 8. (Reuter): Pace bowler Phillip DeFreitas said today he has withdrawn from the rebel England cricket tour of South Africa next year.

Sixteen English players have signed for two tours of the white-ruled republic. They face a five-year ban from Test cricket.

Batsman Roland Butcher, the other black player in the squad, announced his withdrawal shortly after DeFreitas' statement.

### GCC club soccer

MANAMA, Aug 8. (AP): Al Wasl of the United Arab Emirates defeated the Saudi champions Al Hilal 1-0 today in the Coca Cola seventh Gulf Co-operation Council club soccer championship at the national stadium here.

After the goalless first half, devoid of action, Al Wasl scored the winner after 48 minutes. Hassan Mohamed converted a back pass from Zuhair Bakht, into the only goal of the match.

### W. German striker

SUNDERLAND, England, Aug. 8. (UPI): West German striker Thomas Hauser will miss the start of Sunderland's second English Second Division soccer campaign after aggravating a hamstring injury at the club's open day. Hauser was hurt during a five-a-side game Sunday and is ruled out of today's friendly match against Soviet League and Cup winners Dnepr.

### Ciba triumphs

TOKYO, Aug 8. (UPI): Suzy Chiba, 13-year-old junior high school student, won the women's 200-metre freestyle in 2.04.44 in the All-Japan Swimming Championships closed in Tokyo Sunday. Her time was the best of this year in Japan.

### Tyrrell team

LONDON, Aug. 8. (UPI): Johnny Herbert, ousted from his drive with Benetton team because of lingering problems from injuries suffered in a crash last October, is to join the Tyrrell team at the Belgian Formula One Grand Prix Aug. 27.

# Curtis hammers 156

Terry and Nicholas hit tons

LONDON, Aug. 8. (Reuter): Tim Curtis, retained in the England Test team despite the advice of many critics, justified the selectors' faith with a career-best 156 for Worcestershire in their crucial championship match against title-rivals Essex yesterday.

Curtis would have probably been dropped for Thursday's fifth Test against Australia had not Essex captain Graham Gooch requested a break from the international arena.

His marathon 7-1/2 hour-innings, which included 20 boundaries, coupled with a sparkling

72 from Graeme Hick put Worcester in a dominant position by the close of the second day of the three-day match.

Relying to the Essex first innings 208, the pair helped championship leaders Worcestershire to 447 for nine before they declared.

Essex started their second innings disastrously, losing Gooch for 17 to the off-spin of Hick and were 21 for two by the close, still 218 runs behind.

Third-placed Hampshire also improved their championship

hopes as Paul Terry plundered 180 and captain Mark Nicholas hit 121 against a weak Derbyshire bowling attack.

They put on 148 together in 38 overs before Terry was caught at midwicket, after blasting 30 boundaries in a 376-minute stay.

Hampshire declared at 472 for six in reply to Derbyshire's first innings 178 and the home side had reached 72 for one by the close with Kim Barnett unbeaten on 44.

**Scores**

At Weston-Super-Mare: Somerset 212 in 84.5 overs and 212 for five (C.

Walsh 100, M. Nichols 52, R. Smith 40).

At Canterbury: Kent 287 in 118.5 overs and 17 for no wicket, Warwickshire 250 for eight declared in 90.2 overs (J. Trott 48).

At Eastbourne: Sussex 227 for six declared in 102 overs and 136 for four (C. Wells 62 not out), Nottinghamshire 233 for seven declared in 74 overs (Collard 82, F. Stephenson 54 not out, P. Johnson 47).

**Result**

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire beat Lancashire by an innings and 23 runs. Lancashire 93 in 24.5 overs and 278 (D. Graveney four for 51, C. Walsh four for 64), Gloucestershire 394 in 112.4 overs. Gloucestershire 24 points, Lancashire two.

English rebels urged to reconsider

## 'Don't tour S. Africa'

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 8. (Reuter): Anti-apartheid campaigners yesterday urged rebel England cricketers to reconsider a proposed tour of South Africa and asked for a meeting to explain their opposition.

Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-racial Olympic Committee (SANROC), told the 16 tourists South African anti-apartheid sports groups were sending a delegation to Britain in the hope of arranging talks with them.

"We ask you to hear our side of the argument," London-based Ramsamy said in a letter to the players. He said the delegation planned to arrive in Britain "later this week."

"A foreign tour at this time will send the wrong message to the South African government, to South Africans who still support segregation in sport and to the international community," the letter said.

"As sports administrators and as South African citizens we are wrestling to end the whole system of discrimination and prejudice which blights our society," it said.

Ramsamy said he was writing on behalf of Krish Naidoo, general secretary of the National Sports Congress, a coalition of sporting groups that has vowed to stop the tour before its January start by persuading the cricketers not to come.

Opposition to the tour, announced last week, has risen among South African non-whites.

White sports fans are delighted at the visit, which helps to break the international isolation imposed on South Africa because of its apartheid race policies.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other anti-apartheid church leaders on Friday denounced the tour, calling the visit an obscenity and the players mercenaries.

In London, Brian Moore, the England and British Lions hooker, has joined those who have rejected a place on the rest of the world rugby union squad to tour South Africa later this month.

Moore, hooker in all three of the Lions' recent Test matches in Australia, said: "The invitation was received only last week and that was far too late to give it consideration.

"Even if I had wanted to go, the notice was too short. I have been away from my job for eight weeks with the Lions and there is no possibility of three more weeks away," added Moore, who is a solicitor.

He said he believed most of the English Lions had been asked "But I don't think any will be going."

England's ten Lions were told by the rugby union that a rest, after Australia, of up to two months would be in their own interests and they would be discouraged from going to South Africa.

England's stand-off Rob Andrew and Lock Wade Dooley have declined to tour while earlier yesterday Lions' scrum half Robert Jones and centre John Devereux of Wales also said they had refused invitations.

The five-match celebration of South Africa's rugby union centenary is due to start a week from Saturday, but doubts are now being cast in the South African media about the viability of the tour.

And in Sydney, at least two Australian players have declined invitations to join the world XV.

Wallabies captain Nick Farr-Jones and flyhalf Michael Lynagh told the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) they could not accept Pretoria's invitation because of business and family commitments, the officials said.

Four other Australian players — Simon Poidevin, David Campese, Steve Cutler and Steve Tuynman — were also expected to decline, the officials said.

The ARU, which passed on the invitations to the players despite government protests, refused to comment.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke, an outspoken critic of Pretoria's apartheid policy, made an emotional appeal to the players yesterday.



Senna on his way to victory in the West German Grand Prix.

together. We missed our families and so it was like being a small family of our own in England," Gugelmin said.

Gugelmin came to Europe in 1982 and progressed through the British Formula Ford series in Senna's footsteps, moving up

If he felt that the guy who was cleaning the floor in his garage was not doing his job properly, he would complain about it... "Of course, 99 per cent of the time he would be right but I don't know how that sort of thing goes down with the top teams.

"He is a very strong character and he knows exactly what he wants. He is prepared to work hard for it and do whatever it takes.

"If that means he will not be popular with someone it does not matter to him, which is fair enough, as it is his job.

"If the people alongside him cannot cope with that, basically, it is their problem I think.

"He is a very fair and a very straight person. It is all black and white with him...all the time.

"I feel more mature and experienced this year but I've only had one result — third in Brazil. To be honest, I was hoping for much better results but we have had problems with the car and the team."

"He is more dedicated than anyone I've ever seen before," said Gugelmin. "I don't know if that's good or bad though.

"Let me give you an example.



Indian cricketers

Indian cricket team skipper Dilip Vengsarkar (left), all-rounder Kapil Dev (centre) and wicket-keeper Kiran More look over the draft of the letter they gave to the Board for Control of Cricket in India, appealing for pardon after the board banned them for one year for their unauthorised tour of the United States. Also banned were Arun Lal, Ravi Shastri and Mohammed Azharuddin. The letter was given to the board yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Decker scores three

# Australia take Egypt to task

IPOH, Malaysia, Aug 8. (AP): Australia showed it was a serious contender for the junior World Cup field hockey title when it trounced a weak Egypt 7-0 in the opening match today.

Despite playing at half pace, the Australians gave a polished display of teamwork and took a 3-0 lead at halftime over their inexperienced opponents in the 12-nation tournament.

In Group A with Australia and Egypt are West Germany, the Netherlands, Argentina and Malaysia. Group B teams are Pakistan, South Korea, Spain, the United States, the Soviet Union and England. The winners and runner-up of each group advance to the semifinals.

Australia, the 1985 World Cup semifinalists, could have scored more if its forwards had been sharper in their finishing.

Striker Stephen Davis, who had three goals, opened the scoring in the second minute when he flicked the ball home after a pass from Lee Bodmeade.

Bodmeade, who troubled Egypt with his runs on the right flank, passed again to Davis for another goal in the 17th minute before putting his own name on the score sheet a minute before halftime.

Second-half goals included two direct penalty corner hits by skipper Todd Williams, in the 40th and 63rd minutes. Davis scored again in the 54th minute and Grey Corlett scored in the 57th.

In another Group A match, Argentina defeated Malaysia 3-2. The halftime score was 2-2.

Carlos Retegui scored the winning goal in the 45th minute.

Argentina had led 2-0 on goals by Fernando Ferrara in the eighth minute and by Mariano Fernandez three minutes later.

But Malaysia bounced back with Charles Atkin's goal in the 15th minute on a penalty flick and Nor Azmi's goal in the 24th minute.

In the third match, West Germany crushed Holland 5-1 after taking a 3-0 lead at half-time.

The hero of the match was Andreas Decker, who scored three goals for West Germany. Decker scored the first goal in the 7th minute of the first half and made it 2-0 for West Germany 10 minutes later. Thomas Brinkmann added another goal a minute later.

West Germany were on top in the second half also with Decker scoring in the 58th minute and Christian Blaauw two minutes later. Wouter van Peet got the consolation goal for Holland in the 68th minute.

In the last match of the day, Pakistan overcame England with goals on either side of the interval.

Rana Mirajah scored the first goal for Pakistan in the 26th minute of the first half while Shahzad Ahmed made it 2-0 in the 65th minute. The match was dominated by the Pakistanis with their forwards missing a number of chances to score.

## American thinking ahead to World Cup ski season

THREDBO, Australia, Aug 8. (AP): While most Americans are basking in the summer sun, thinking of baseball pennant races and beach parties, Felix McGrath's mind is already fixed firmly on the World Cup ski season.